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SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1758, January 29-February 4, 2015

Thu 0430	WRMI	9955	[confirmed]
Thu 1330	WRMI	9955	[confirmed]
Thu 2201	WRMI	9395	via Global 24 [no show]
Fri 0001	WRMI	9395	via Global 24 [confirmed]
Fri 2130	WRMI	7570 & 15770	[confirmed]
Sat 0730	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 1000	WRMI	5850	
Sat 1530	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Sun 0200	WH2XDE-1	1750	Victor NY
Sun 0231	KVOH	9975	[confirmed]
Sun 2300	WRMI	11580	[confirmed]
Mon 0400v	WBCQ	5110v	Area 51 [confirmed]
Mon 2201	WRMI	9395	via Global 24 [confirmed]
Tue 1200	WRMI	9955	
Wed 0401	WRMI	9395	via Global 24
Wed 0730	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed 1415	WRMI	9955	
Wed 1530	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed 2200	WBCQ	7490v	
Wed 2201	WRMI	9395	via Global 24

Thu 0430 WRMI 9955 [or 1759 if ready in time]

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WORLD OF RADIO PODCASTS:

Tnx to Dr Harald Gabler and the Rhein-Main Radio Club.

<http://www.rmrc.de/index.php?>

[option=com_podcast&view=feed&format=raw&Itemid=156&lang=de](http://www.rmrc.de/index.php?option=com_podcast&view=feed&format=raw&Itemid=156&lang=de)

or directly via:

<http://bit.ly/1xD5yyn>

Also via [but still not back in service]:

<http://tunein.com/radio/World-of-Radio-p198/>

AND ALTERNATIVE, tnx Stephen Cooper, because RMRC was down:

<http://shortwave.am/wor.xml>

OUR ONDEMAND AUDIO:

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or <http://wor.worldofradio.org>

DAY-BY-DAY ARCHIVE OF GLENN HAUSER'S LOG REPORTS:

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** ALASKA. 9655, KNLS, 1/4, 1700. Opening in Russian. Unusually Good (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, outdoor and indoor random wire, Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. GERMANY, 9655, 1716-, VOA, Jan 17. Checking for KNLS, but only finding Kurdish (listed) from the VOA via Nauen at very good

level. But there is another weaker co-channel station which I don't see listed. KNLS should be booming in, if they were here. I continued to listen, and the second broadcaster is there, and in Russian! So, perhaps it is KNLS, but either extremely strange propagation, or a very reduced transmitter strength! 6190 is also listed for KNLS at this time, but likely a wooden frequency, as they are definitely not there! I continued to listen, and sure enough, reception increased to excellent levels and ID heard at 1757 in Russian. So confirmed! I can still weakly hear cochannel at this time. Sign-off announcement with addresses in Anchor Point and St. Petersburg, Russia.

9655, 1613-, KNLS, Jan 18. Confirmed that they are in Russian at 1600. Heard weakly with ID. I find that the on-line resources are very incoherent when it comes to KNLS' actual schedule. Some say Mandarin, others Russian, so nice to confirm the actual schedule. Once again today, I'm very disappointed with the poor reception. I'm finding it difficult to accept that it's only poor propagation. I'm wondering whether they are testing new transmitters at very low power, or are having some other technical glitches. As stated already, they should be booming in to me here in Masset (Walt Salmaniaw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

See DX-PEDITIONS abottom for background on Walt's Masset logs thruout

** ALASKA. UNIDENTIFIED. 602 kHz, 1559-, NAVTEX, Jan 21. Why am I getting a NAVTEX signal centered on 602 kHz? I initially thought it was RTTY, but when I was unable to decode, I switched to NAVTEX, and sure enough it began decoding. Off by 1600 UT. Here's what I was able to decode [sic]:

78MMNMNE WIND 30 TO 41 KT.7 '3-' 15 FT.M .TE KT. SEASGMHZX#M .FRI THU
SUN...EEP T. SEAS 8 T \$\$ PKZ4 Q AM AKST AN 2-SNGCTHRU KEONINOGHT ND
THU U K .35MCNM TREEZING S S

Ideas welcome! Weakly back again at 1602. Here's what was transmitted to 1605 [sic]:

...PLEASE HRI NOAAIWX IDIOFAND OTHER MEENZED I ICODSTHIN FORPUUUEN S
OF THE AK PENINSULA ITKIRAK TO VASTLE CPE- ...SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY
THRU THU... .TODAY...,3 28,\$ 3 . .TONIGHT...NE WIND 30 KT. SRAS 12
FT. .THU...NE WIND 30 KT. SEAS 17 FTEKGNVANE MIND D 30 KT. SEAS 15 !5.
F .FRI...N W SEAS 13 FT. S OF THE AK PENINSULA CASOLE CAPE F
TURNWOIPUUUEJ .TOZ FT. 4 WMONMLKLTKKK KAK LI CAPE SARICHEF TO NIKOLSKI
BERING SIDE- PORT HEIDEN TO CAPE SARICHEF- ...GALE WARNING THRU
THU...

So clearly from Alaska. I can also hear it on my AOR 7030+ besides my Perseus. Interesting aside! (Walt Salmaniaw, Masset, Haida Gwaii

Islands, BC, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA. Hi Glenn, Happy New Year! I logged Radio Albania with music chimes intro at 0227 GMT and then at 0230 GMT had English service and news. SDR in the Netherlands S7 (Mike Stone Arlington Hts, IL, Jan 23, <http://www.pixelxaos.com/>
<https://www.flickr.com/people/pixelxaos/>
DX LISTENING DIGEST) Must have been 7425 (gh)

7465, Jan 28 at 0048, R. Tirana, Albanian song, poor, but no longer any QRM from WRMI 7455, as the 00-01 programming has been moved to 11580, q.v. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS. 4760, AIR Port Blair (presumed). While listening to The Cross R., this went off unexpectedly at 1213. (21 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGOLA. 4949.78, R.dio Nacional de Angola - Mulenvos, 0425-0443. Afro pops, some ballads and some upbeat. Weak, threshold level signal with fading, keeping above the noise level approximately 75% of the time. First time audio has been heard on their carrier here in months. 1/17/2015 (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, Perseus, Random Wire, Wellbrook Loop, PL-880 and external antennas, NASWA Flashsheet Jan 25 via DXLD)

** ANGUILLA. 1610, 0044-, Dr Gene Scott, Jan 21. Good reception noted tonight while checking for TIS. // 6090 (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGUILLA. 6090, University Network, Caribbean Beacon with Rev Barbi talking about forgiveness and the ðI wish I could be colloquial about this! weak souls who rejected her when she took over Dead Dr. Geneís ministry. (She wanted to say a rude word for a portion of the female anatomy she is famous for showing, I bet!) This ended with a ðget on the telephone! and the continuity announcer giving the phone number & address. This is the most entertaining Iíve heard RB in a long time. 5554+4+, 0158-0208 23/Jan (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet Jan 23 via DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. 15345, R A E, 1/12, 2340. M in Spanish and with piano music before the hour. Fair (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, outdoor and indoor random wire, Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15345.19, R. Argentina al Exterior - General Pacheco. It's been nice to hear RAE coming through at 1124 with the Japanese service to EAs. A mix of topical information, Argentinian pop songs and traditional

ballads were featured - quite pleasant programming. It was a weak signal (not moving the meter much) but easily copied with great clarity on Jan 21.

Then the station was noted again later on the same day at 2320 with the Spanish service to Eu, with more Argentinian ballads. This time we heard a fair signal through the summer thunderstorm static. It was also interesting to see that by the time of this later monitoring observation, the frequency had drifted down to 15345.16 kHz (Rob Wagner, Vic, MEDXR blog Jan 23 via DXLD)

It's a LONG way from General Pacheco to Tokio; in fact they are close to antipodal. The 11 UT broadcast, along with Chinese and Portuguese between 10 and 13 UT, heads out on a 348 degree beam, per Aoki, i.e. across North America, right thru Philadelphia and the Arctic. It winds up closer to Beijing and eastern China than Tokyo (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15345, RNA. 24/01 1534 UT. Reportaje: 'América Latina amenazada por la prensa' sobre los medios p'blicos en Argentina en la lucha con el multimedia Clarín, la ley de medios en Ecuador y la oposición de la prensa al gobierno de Bolivia. Además de una entrevista a Ignacio Ramonet, la situación venezolana hasta las 16, cuando comienza: 'El mediodía en noticias'. SINPO: 55444.

11711, RAE, 27/01 0428 UT. Canción: "Cantares" de J.M Serrat junto a Joaquín Sabina presentada en chino y otras informaciones. SINPO: 55555 (Claudio Galaz, RX: GOLON RX-221UAR, ANT: Telescopica, QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Región, Chile, Condiglista yg via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. 1629, 1523-, multiple carriers, Jan 23. I noticed the spread of 1629 on the waterfall, so I zoomed in to see what transmitters were present. I could see no less than 8 lines on the waterfall as follows: 1628.925, 1628.932, 1628.986, 1629.001, 1629.007, 1629.018, 1629.030, and 1629.039! Off course with such a spread, and all quite similar in strength, I could hear no audio (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 1656, 1519-, Voice of the Australian Chinese, Jan 22. Presumed logging. First time I'm hearing any audio on the X-band this trip to Masset. Quite good at 1521 with EZL Chinese vocal. Fades down to barely audible, though, as well. 1611 is also relatively strong, but clearly a lot of stations there, and just hearing SAH. Measuring many between 1610.981 and 1611.017.

1656+, 1520-, 2MM, Jan 23. This morning, I'm not hearing Chinese but rather likely Greek (although for a time, I thought I was hearing

Russian!). Quite good at times, but with deep fades. Best heard by far this week! Only about 3 Hz on the high side (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. Incidentally, also noted Symban on 2368.5, but only a weak carrier. Second day I've noted this. Signed off at 1500 Jan 22, as there's only an OC when rechecked after this.

2368.466, 1453-, Radio Symban, Jan 23. Just getting snippets of audio for the first time this week. Too weak for anything more, and several hours until dawn, so there is hope (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

2368.47, Radio Symban (presumed), brief opening from 1531 to 1537, Jan 22. Definitely heard Greek singing and music; poor, but cutting through the noise; fading in & out; my local sunrise was at 1516 UT. (Ron Howard, California, Jan 26, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

2368.464, Radio Symban, Greek? mx, poor S=5 -94dBm, at 1440 UT. (Wolfgang B,schel, log January 25, 1440 - 1520 UT, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Probably via Brisbane SDR per adjacent logs (gh)

** AUSTRALIA. 3210, Vintage FM (very tentative!), 1548 till lost about 1559, Jan 22. Often check here and occasionally find a weak open carrier, but today heard some audio (hovering at threshold level); seemed to be a YL with background music; not enough details to be sure it was them.

Sent an email to Craig Allen wishing him a wonderful "Australia Day." Craig is the owner and operator of the low powered stations on 3210 kHz, that relays Vintage FM, and of the upcoming station that will be on 5045 kHz. - Ozy Radio. Craig's response: "Thanks. We will be back soon on 5045 kHz. with more power, 1 kW. ozy radio" Certainly something to keep a lookout for! (Ron Howard, California, Jan 26, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 2485, ABC / NT Katherine, at 1450 UT, S=9 or -71dBm proper (Wolfgang B,schel, log January 25, 1440 - 1520 UT, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Probably via Brisbane SDR per adjacent logs (gh)

** AUSTRALIA. 11945, R Australia, 1/13. 0945. Interview in regular English to transmitter suddenly going off at 0958. Heard R A on 12080, also in English, but was not //. After 1000, noted //s on 12065, 12080, 5995 (presumed; barely heard), none in Tok Pisin (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, outdoor and indoor random wire, Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9580, 1549-, Radio Australia, Jan 17. A bit worrisome, but I'm hearing nothing on the three frequencies from Shepparton that are supposed to be remaining on RA: 6080, 6150 and 9580. They should be booming in. I do have a very strong signal on 5995 with non-stop modern English vocal music, which should be Australia (at least that's what's always been there, but not just with 'fill music'). Yes, at 1552 with 'Triple J' ID. Who are they. Clearly still Australia here. Recheck at 1712 has 9580 on the air, // 5995 with same style fill music. They're not accomplishing anything unless they actually have useful programming! 5995 left the air at 1800, while 9580 carries ABC news (domestic) (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

They were still on old schedule, 9580 changing to 9850 at 1500-1700; 6080 off at 1258; 6150 off at 1400 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11945, Jan 23 at 0606, RA with news feature, about Alan Jones, shock jock on 4BC, Brisbane, Queensland [1116 kHz] who has been sued for defamation by the premier and deputy premier of the state; he accused them of corruption regarding some mining deal. All about it: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-01-23/campbell-newman-and-jeff-seeney-suing-alan-jones-for-defamation/6041274>

11945 is one of many frequencies RA will be dumping as of February 1, but has been quite reliable here during this hour. Tonight also // stronger 13630 and weaker 15240. RA may be phasing out some of these early, as not always audible, or is it just propagation? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Jan 23, at 0356, no RA on 15240 nor 15300 (Ron Howard, California, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Australia, 9580, 1/27/15, 1304 UT with news and weather; 1306 announcement that they were unable to continue normal programming and to stay tuned while music played; at 1317 the program Conversations, began (Larry Zamora, Garland, TX, WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9580, also // much weaker 9475, 6150, 5955, 5950, very pleased to hear some intelligent talk rather than 'Triple J Unearthed' pop music on RA, Wed Jan 28 at 1323. JJJ had been starting at 1300 weekdays. This turns out to be 'Conversations with Richard Fidler' (long I), as IDed at 1331, guest discussion also before an audience about 'faking it on stage'.

Said it was his first show of 2015y, so just back from summer break. (Jan seems to be the major holiday month DU, instead of Feb (=Aug in

northern hem)). 1400 outro ID as on ABCRN, no news, and now switch to Triple J. Online sked now shows Fidler M-F at 13-14, and also Tue-Fri at 00-01 UT when we might hear it on 19000 for a few more days, next week on 17840 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RADIO AUSTRALIA FADING AWAY

Another "once mighty" shortwave institution is now a shadow of its former self. As many MEDXR readers are already aware, during the middle of this month RA pulled the plug on its overseas relay sites of Dhabbaya, Singapore and Palau, while Brandon QLD will be gone by the end of the month. The station will only be transmitting only in English, Tok Pisin and French to the Pacific. The following schedule begins on Feb 1, all from the Shepparton site:

0900-2100 UT - 9580, 12065 and 12085 kHz- to Pacific Islands and PNG. This will be all English except for Tok Pisin 0630-0700 (weekdays only) and French 0800-0805 (weekdays only).

2100-0900 UT - 15240, 15415, and 17840 kHz - to Pacific Islands and PNG. Again, this will be all English except for Tok Pisin 0900-0930 (weekdays only).

Feel like complaining about this situation? Hoping that by complaining there will be some miraculous reinstatement of RA services like there was with Spain? I think probably not. This current government is intent on pulling apart the ABC at all levels. Of course, you could send your views and concerns to the ABC. But I'd also recommend copying your letters and emails to the Federal Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Communications. Good luck!!! (Rob Wagner, Vic, MEDXR blog Jan 23 via DXLD)

Hi Glenn, I'm not sure if I told you we were planning on a few transmissions from Shepparton. I could not believe it. Broadcast Australia just told me that don't have any other option except for satellite to receive programs. No FTP, no way to receive audio from an IP. They told me the problem is that it was only set up to receive Radio Australia and it was never considered to lease out time to anyone else. So now checking with RA and ABC to see if there is anything that could be done. Now while ABC pays 52AUS\$ an hour. This does not take into account the amount they are paying for satellite time.

Broadcast Australia told me they can play out CDs. Gee this would be like the pre-satellite days at Radio Netherlands when tapes were flown from Amsterdam to Madagascar for transmission. LOL. 73, (Keith Perron, PCJ Radio International, Taiwan, Jan 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re: Radio Australia changes January 31, 2015 --- Keith, The new schedule is exactly half of the 2013 schedule ($3 \times 24 \times 365 = 26,280$). If reducing the transmitter duplication can help RA survive, then I'm all for it. I would have thought that using 3 different meter bands for each shift would be advisable but I suspect they have good reasons for doubling up on 25m & 19m.

I notice they are using 3 of the Harris SW100A transmitters as primary units with the most vintage Continental in reserve rather than using the newer Continentals as primary or reserve units. It would be interesting to know the rationale for that choice. Also, I wonder what effect the increasing electric rates brought on by the Aussie carbon tax had on their budget? (J Lenamon, Waco, Jan 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Read your blog and stopped cold when you mentioned the government is pulling apart the ABC. All the government is doing is making the national broadcaster more responsible with its budget. Previously the ABC was the epitome of pork barrel politics- money thrown into its budget without regard which led to uncontrolled spending. As mentioned previously, the ABC is still hiring so they can prioritise where they want the money spent. It has been suggested the programme cuts are intentionally designed to upset the public and cause a backlash against the government. Whether that is true is conjecture but considering the labour-leanings of ABC shows and some presenters, I wouldn't be surprised. Sent from David Sharp's iPhone, [to Rob Wagner], ARDXC via DXLD)

Hi David, Thank you for your insights into the ABC. However, I must respectfully disagree. Thanks for the feedback. Was there anything else in my latest blog post that upset you? Kind regards, (Rob VK3BVW Wagner, ibid.)

I just think people are missing the mark about the ABC. My info is based on comments from people within the organisation - some of whom were trained at 2WEB (Sent from David Sharp's iPhone, ibid.)

RA has seen so many changes and at the end of the month the station will basically only be a domestic service with a few 24 hour SW frequencies (plus a very slim token Pacific service). Right now as I type on a sunny Saturday arvo[?], I am doing a multi-hour spectrum recording of the 19 MB so future generations can remember what it was like back in the day.

If you want to know what I think of the ABC changes, you can follow me on Twitter @realmarkfahey - I tweet my possibly half baked and ill-conceived views every day!

Hey Rob - I am an totally avid reader of your Mount Evelyn DX Reports, we often are listening to the very same things! For the last few weeks I have also been listening to 4800 Hyderabad and 4810 Bhopal for hours each night. It is the perfect background entertainment as I code into the night and brings back so many memories of when I worked in India. I have spent a lot of time in both these Indian cities (Mark Fahey, ibid.)

Mark. Re: ABC - You and I have similar views on this subject. People forget that the corporation is not just the domestic radio and TV. It makes high quality dramas, music, live shows, content for international consumption (aside from RA), content sales and licensing, has a brilliant web site that's now enhanced with iView, maintains a rich archives, operates on a broad range of multi-media platforms, offers recording services (I've directed 4 independent recording sessions in the Iwaki auditorium here in Melbourne - and the service was wonderful!), education services for schools, dedicated TV channels for kids, and I could go on.

I also appreciate the ABC's broad range of programming - the likes of which you would never see on commercial broadcasters. I rarely have a need to watch 7, 9 and 10. Take Monday nights for example: 7:30, Australian Story, 4 Corners, Media Watch, Q&A. Try getting the commercials to run any of those programs! That's enough!! (Rob Wagner, ibid.)

** AUSTRALIA. 11590, 1428-, Reach Beyond Australia, Jan 21. Excellent reception with Urdu programming. Mentioned an address in Singapore. At 1430, into listed Kurukh (this being a Wednesday). No change in signal strength, so same antenna azimuth (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

If you want to look up its schedule or info in the WRTH 2015, you will have to reach far beyond Australia, to find it under U S A, since corporate HQ remains mired in that deep den of gospel huxterism, Colorado Springs, which would be a beautiful city otherwise (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. 4750, 1518-, Bangladesh Batar, Jan 17. Quite a mess, unfortunately. Both Bangladesh and China are co channel, and at equal strength. I'd give the edge to BD with better, cleaner modulation, in presumed Bangla. Both at good level. No sign, of course, of Indonesia (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BARBADOS [and non]. Escutas em Ilha Comprida

[favorite DX-pedition site of Paulistas, a barrier island resort with a 74-km-long beach south of São Paulo city, 215 km away which should be enough to get away from a lot of the RF congestion. Not to be confused with the mainland municipality of the same name --- gh]

Ola pessoal! Estive em Ilha Comprida de 22 a 27/01 para descanso e aproveitei para botar a prática de rádio em dia. Levei o receptor Sony, um PL390 e um RTL. Me lembrei do RTL sómente no último dia. A intenção era mapear e adquirir conhecimento do espectro naquela região, mas mesmo sem propagação intensa, foi possível fazer escutas interessantes, principalmente via TEp. [trans-equatorial propagation]

O primeiro dia foi perdido, pois tive problemas com a antena que foi solucionado apenas no segundo dia. Choveu bastante por lá, prejudicando a propagação troposférica. De qualquer forma, foi possível escutar emissoras de SC, PR, RJ e interior de SP.

Até o penúltimo dia, a TEp se resumiu a estações de Barbados e poucas com idioma francês. No último dia foi uma festa com alguns eventos interessantes.

Por volta de 22:00h local [UT -2 = 00 UT], sómente emissoras com idioma francês estavam presentes. As emissoras de Barbados tinham sinal muito baixo.

De repente, como se um interruptor fosse ativado, as emissoras de Barbados e outras apareceram com sinais impressionantes. Eram tantas emissoras que em alguns trechos do espectro era possível sintonizar uma a cada 10 kHz [sic: means 200 kHz?]. Além disso, algumas emissoras (do Caribe) rivalizavam na mesma frequência. Para não perder tempo, gravei o espectro todo com o RTL. Agora é trabalhar para tentar identificar as emissoras. Segue o log cru. Enviarei, depois, o restante com as identificações que conseguir das gravações com o RTL.

Freq. Data UTC ITU Estação, QTH, Detalhes Sinpo OM/YL

92.1, 24/01 0023 BRB BBS - om, px notícia-rio, talks, id, EE 22222
92.9, 25/01 0015 BRB VOB, mx R&B, mx La Isla Bonita w/ Madonna, y1, id 44444
95.3, 25/01 0023 BRB Hot FM - Barbados - mx Rap, om, id, mx caribenha 33333
90.1, 24/01 2322 LCA? Unid, om pregação religiosa. Provável Joy FM - Santa Lucia 55555
88.7, 25/01 0012 Unid, om, y1, talks abt Roseau (provável Kairi FM - Dominica) 22122
92.9, 25/01 0015 BRB VOB, mx R&B, mx La Isla Bonita w/Madonna, y1, id 44444
95.3, 25/01 0023 BRB Hot FM - Barbados - mx Rap, om, id, mx

caribenha 33333

90.1, 26/01 0046 Unid - ??? - om, pregaÁ,,o religiosa, mx religiosa,
EE, prov·vel Joy FM - Santa Lucia 22222

90.7, 26/01 0054 90.7 FM - Barbados? - mx rom,ntica, id, mx
rom,ntica 33333

Receptores: Sony XDR-F1HD, RTL com software SDRSharp. Antena Yagi 19.3
do Peter Korner. 73 (Luiz Tresso, PY20C, Jan 28, radioescutas yg via
DXLD)

** BHUTAN. 6034.95, BBS. 1202 Found this was on late, past 1200. Usual
news program with M hosting. 1213-1218 same M mixed with usual simple
plucked local stringed instrument. 1219-1234 same M announcer chatting
with little girl. She sang several times as well. Signal abruptly off
while they were talking at 1234:32. Nice to hear this again staying on
past Marti sign off with fair signal and severe QRM from a strong 6030
Yunnan which was notched out. (18 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA,
Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and
Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for
WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 4409.77, R. Eco (presumed) 0026 M announcer but not strong
enough to copy. Definitely there. Getting some music at 0158 check.
Very fady. (17 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153
foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S,
Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 4717, 0508-, Radio Yura, Jan 22. Highly tentative logging.
I can see a carrier, but really no audio, and measuring 4716.694 on
the waterfall. So, if it is them, are they on late, or just left the
transmitter on? Kind of a stormy night, with lots of static crashes
noted (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 6155.13, R. Fides. 1008 talk by M and W, presumed news,
with mention of La Paz. Into beautiful camposino [sic] song at 1019. M
returned at 1021. // to the webstream which was nearly a minute
behind. Very fady signal and distorted audio. A difficult catch. (17
Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical,
tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh
expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOTSWANA. 4930, 1651-, VOA, Jan 23. Very good reception with
American English with program about Zimbabwe. Not that often that I
hear African transmitters in our mornings (Walt Salmaniw, Masset,
Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4845, Onda Tropicais [sic], 0002 end of "Voz do Brasil"

program, then nice canned ID by M in Portuguese, and deadair to at least 0005. Would have been a nice signal if not for the local QRN on the frequency. (17 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4914.98, R. Daqui. Usual canned ID jingle at 2357. Pleasant ZY ranchera-like song. 0000 promo with ID at end, then full canned ID announcement by M at 0001 but plug pulled at 0001:28 when he got to "onda tropicais" [sic]. Nice signal. Conditions finally seem to be improving. (16-17 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL [and non]. 6160.05, R. Boa Vontade (tentative). A signal here at 1045 and still there at 1112 check but no audio. CKZN much too strong anyway. (22 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL [and non]. 9587.34 approx., Jan 23 at 0613, wailing Davi Miranda in Portunhol has been making a more prominent het against 9590 stations (now at 05-07 CRI Arabic still via ALBANIA on SW if not MW) having slid up from 9586v, now measured here. It's Super R·dio Deus È Amor, S,,o Paulo, which Aoki places on nominal 9585 at 0700-0200, so two correxions needed.

9565 also wails Miranda at 0615 UT Jan 23, but both too weak to determine if synchronized. This one is closer to nominal, the SRDA in Curitiba, ex-R. Tupi. Other Brazilians audible on 31m now: 9630, 9645v, 9665v (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11933.408, RB2. Still off frequency here. 1027 romantic ZY ranchera-like song, // 9725 which was very poor. 1030 canned announcement then live M and W DJs in Portuguese. A bit fady and good on peaks. (17 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9725.0, Jan 22 at 0644, fair signal with Brazuguese call-in, 0646 mentions R. Nove de Julho, S,,o Paulo, but this isn't 9820v. It's the reactivated RB2 from Curitiba, Paran·, which has been back a few weeks but this is the first time I've ever heard it during my regular bandscans between 06 and 07 UT, so just went 24 hours? Quickly confirmed as such by finding much weaker //s on 11935, and 6040, the

latter the last one just to come up per reports from Brasil. Previous logs put 9 MHz channel 15 Hz low, but compared to NZ on 11725, it seems closer than that. Format is now Catholic, as if yet another one of those were needed on ZY SW. Apparently many are inter-related if not simulcast.

All three of these RB2s missed being entered into the WRTH 2015. They last appeared in the WRTH 2010, the upper two as *inactive, all 7.5 kW then and with the same callsign ZYE725; normally each frequency gets a distinct, usually consecutive call number, as evidenced by numerous other multi-band stations. Strangely, 6040 and 9725 were named R. Clube B2, while 11935 was still R. Clube Paranaense (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re Brazil RB2: 6040, RB2 Curitiba reports from Brazil from first on Tuesday Jan 20. Checked this RB2 program in past weeks, very irregular service, broadcast only now and then. Logs:

11933.440 heard only Dec 20 til Dec 26, later not anymore, maybe due of bad propagation conditions; the 49 and 31 mb Brazilians logged always stronger than 25mb lately.

But tonight Jan 22 at 2210 UT heard undoubtedly RB2 on 11935.003 kHz here in Germany, and also 6040.001 at 2150 UT (co-ch 6039.989 CNR Nei Menggu Mongolian service which started at 2150 UT, heard Chinese time signal at 2200 UT)

Dec 20 9724.981
Dec 21 9724.985
Jan 15 9724.959
Jan 21 9724.969

Yesterday Jan 21 and today noted always 9724.981 kHz as peak string only, very poor signal. Nothing heard here in Europe on v9724-9725 kHz tonight between 22 to 23 UT (Wolfgang B, schel, Jan 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Rather poor tiny signals from RB2 noted this morning in 0700-0815 UT Jan 23 slot. 6040.005 tiny poor S=4-5 -96dBm, QRM heavily suffer by nearby lower side 6037.2 to 6039.6 kHz like "seaside CODAR" shrap signal, or is military ? border radar ? sound like anvil-banging TADIL-A bonker? latter often observed close to 6135 kHz too.

9724.967 two RB2 presenter - male and female - in 0730-0745 UT time slot, weak S=5 -93dBm, noted on remote SDR units in NY and MA-USA east coast.

11935.010 at 0750 UT, S=4 or -97dBm signal (to compare on same time:

RNA 11780.113 S=9+10 -65dBm \\ 6180.006. or TOM Okeechobee S=9+25 dB)

re 6040 RB2:

6039.990 CHN Nei Minggu

6040.003 IRN IRIB interval signal at 0118 UT.

73 wb (Wolfgang B, schel, Jan 23, ibid.)

Re: RB2 em 6040 kHz: Sintonizei ontem aqui em SP capital, mais precisamente no Bairro Horto Florestal, sinal e áudio perfeitos. (Itauri C.Sousa, PY1118SWL, Tecsun PL-660, Scanner Uniden BC340 CRS, Antena Mini Loop Blindada, Antena Degen 31MS Active Loop, Jan 22, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Nestes últimos dias durante minhas escutas na região do Lago de Furnas, no município de Perdões - MG, ouvi a RB2 com último sinal nas frequências 6040 e 11935 kHz. Não consegui ouvi-la em 9725, talvez em função de ter feito as escutas somente à noite. Eu fiz questão de conferir em função dos posts desta lista (Márcio Dias - Divinópolis - MG, Jan 22, ibid.)

6040, RB2, 23/01 2229 UT. Avisos de Curitiba, de espacios deportivos y noticiosos. ID de la emisora. SINPO: 45444 (Rx: Akita R-462 AR (Analógico); Ant: Telescópica; QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Región, Chile). (Claudio Galaz, condiglista yg via DXLD)

Prezados, Sintonizei a RB2 6040 com forte intensidade no meu Redsun RP300 (ccrane ccswp) no Rio de Janeiro - RJ no último sábado 24/01. Att (Leonardo Ivo Neves da Silva, Jan 28, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

11935.0+, Jan 22 at 0342, very poor signal with hymn, no doubt RB2 in Curitiba, very slightly on the hi side, rather than way off to the low side toward 11933 as others logged previously. At this time *no* signal on its other reactivated frequency 9725, surely not on. It seems RB2 is quite irregular: you never know which of three SW frequencies will be active. Next check at 0606 Jan 22, 11935 is poor-fair with Rosary intoned by host in Brazuguese, unison Ave-Marias repeated by audience. At 0603 I had checked 9725 and found it still absent. Not sure about 6040 at either time.

11935, Jan 24 at 0617, RB2 is on with call-in in Brazuguese, poor.

9725, Jan 24 at 0631, this RB2 is on again, poor signal with call-in; seems they do a lot of those.

11935, Jan 28 at 0113, 'RB2 fair with singing and // much weaker 6040, but nothing on 9725 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Is not it the other way? These days there is an excellent signal on 6040 and 9725 kHz and no signal on 11935 kHz. Or do they change transmitters according to day/night reception conditions? Perhaps one

of the 3 transmitters is broken? (I was listening mostly between 0600-0900). (Karel Honzik, Czechia, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

No, at the time of my log it was not the other way. It all depends on when you listen (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

My first reception of Radio RB2 in 0600-0700 UT time slot on Jan 28:
0000-2400 6040 CUR 010 kW / 020 deg SoAm Portuguese no signal in BUL!
0000-2400 9725 CUR 010 kW / 020 deg SoAm Portuguese, weak but audible
0000-2400 11935 CUR 010 kW / 020 deg SoAm Portuguese, weak but audible
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/radio-rb2-in-0600-0700-ut-time-slot-on.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 9665, VOZ MISSIONARIA, 24/01 2139 UT. Aviso de la necesidad de un nuevo transmisor e ID en español. Luego un espacio de música en portugués y más avisos de la emisora, tal como un espacio nocturno en español, emitido los días Lunes. SINPO: 55444 (Rx: Golon RX-221UAR; ANT: Telescópica; QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Región, Chile) (Claudio Galaz, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 11780.122, 0317-, Rádio Nacional Brasília, Jan 17. Very good reception on slightly off channel, in Portuguese. Talk between two men. Noticed a 20 kHz wide band of noise between 11785 and 11805. Any idea what that is? (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11747 & 11813 approx., Jan 23 at 0604, RNA/RNB crackling spurs are JBA; worse, fundamental 11780.1v is splattering out at least 10 kHz both sides, bothering something on 11790, i.e. Romania in French.

11745 & 11815, Jan 27 at 0624, crackling spurs from 11780.1v RNA/RNB are weakly audible, now centered closer to mid-channels.

11745 & 11815, Jan 28 at 0112, crackling spurs from 11780.1v RNA/RNB are audible. Also Jan 28 at 0632 the crackles are audible but very poorly (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11764.694, 0313-, Super Rádio Deus [É Amor], Jan 17. Good reception with a probable preacher (?). Lots of mentions of Brasil. I also heard Super Rádio mentioned as well. Nice S6 signal (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. Alguém poderia informar se a Band está com algum problema em 11925 kHz? Faz bastante tempo que, infelizmente, não ouço em 25 metros. 73 Ric PY4TW (João Ricardo Bergamini, Jan 22, radioescutas yg

via DXLD)

Pode ser que a Band[eirantes] tenha desligado esse transmissor. Mas na divulgaÁ,,o das vinhetas di·rias de frequÍncias, 25m 11925 kHz È citada. Estamos vivendo perÍodos cada vez mais crÍticos de propagaÁao. ... o que h·. 73 (Luiz Chaine Neto, Limeira SP, 23-1-2015, ibid.)

That's the way it is (gh)

Sim, h· essa informaÁ,,o durante toda a programaÁ,,o. Tenho ouvido muitas outras emissoras brasileiras em 25 metros, menos a Band. Pode ser atÈ quest,,o de propagaÁ,,o realmente. Mas penso que esteja fora do ar por alguma outra raz,,o. Obrigado (Jo,,o Ricardo Bergamini, PY4TW, ibid.)

Caro Jo,,o Ricardo, Aqui, onde moro, Limeira -sp-, tambÈm n,,o a escuto. A frequÍncia de 11925 kHz est· no ar, porÈm, n,,o È possÍvel que nÙs n,,o a escutemos, por causa da falta de propagaÁ,,o a curtas dist,ncias. As ondascurtas tÍm essa propriedade. Elas atingem dist,ncias mais extensas, vai mais longe. Talvez no Nordeste e Norte do Brasil, È possÍvel sintoniz·-la. Que est· no ar, tenho certeza. Forte 73 (Luiz, Limeira sp, 23-1-2015, ibid.)

Talvez desligaram o transmissor porque nunca h· propagaÁ,,o nessa QRG. 73 (Luiz Chaine Neto, Limeira sp, 26-1-2015, ibid.)

Yes, there is; or was (gh, DXLD)

PropagaÁ,,o sempre existe nesta banda, mas depende da regi,,o do planete. O certo È que essa frequÍncia n,,o est· com transmiss,,o da Band atualmente, por algum motivo, menos propagaÁ,,o. 73 (Ric PY4TW Bergamini, ibid.)

Luiz, Se for assim, h· pelo menos uma dezena de emissoras internacionais cujos departamentos de engenharia e planejamento tem errado constantemente quando optam por usar a faixa de 25 metros, certo? Os motivos para a n,,o utilizaÁ,,o da frequÍncia podem ser os mais variados, mas dizer que determinada frequÍncia n,,o tem propagaÁ,,o È realmente muito simplista. 73 (Ivan Dias Jr. - Sorocaba/SP, ibid.)

** BRAZIL. BRASIL, R·dio InconfidÍncia, 15190, 1t, bs-cd 24 ms. Addr.: Raja Gabaglia, 1666, Gutierrez, 30441-194 Belo Horizonte, MG; v/s Eng Gleison Emilio Ferreira, Diretor TÈcnico

R·dio Itatiaia, 5970 cd, st 21 ms. Addr.: Rua Itatiaia 117, Bonfim, 31210-170 Belo Horizonte, v/s Fabiana Souza.

Both Brazilian QSLís were a nice surprise; 37 BC stations from Brasil

QSLied so far (QSLis de Norbert Reiner, Drosselsangweg 6, 76131 Karlsruhe, Germany, received between 26 April 2014 and 25 January 2015 via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** BULGARIA. SECRETBROD, EU News Network were back on air, after two weeks of break:
1845-1900 5925 SCB 100 kW / 306 deg to WeEu English Sat, videos Jan 24
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/eu-news-network-were-back-on-air.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

But: heard on WRMI just before WOR 1757 Jan 28 that ``from this Sat`` it's moving from 5925 to 5905 (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DXLD) More at CYPRUS [non]

** BULGARIA [non]. AWR Bulgaria: Wonderful QSL packet received by registered post today from previously all-but-unknown AWR Bulgaria, Studio Plovdiv. Plovdiv creates the daily half-hour Bulgarian program for AWR which, in the B14 period, is on the air on 5975 at 0400-0430 (Issoudun) and on 9830 at 1600-1630 (Nauen). Brief letter received from Mr. Bozhidar Tonchev, Director of the Sound Recording Studio, who explained that they have only a very small team and not much funds for brochures and the like, but they sent along four snapshots of on-air talent and a large photo of the entire team. Also an AWR Bulgaria brochure and two bookmarkers. AWR Bulgaria can be reached by email at awr_bg@abv.bg or by mail at: AWR Bulgaria, 22, Antim 1 St., 4000 Plovdiv (Ralph Perry, IL, Listeners Notebook, Jan NASWA Journal via DXLD)

** CAMBODIA [non]. Finally, a nice QSL from Voice of Love, FEBC Cambodia, Phnom Penh: It took a heck of a lot of back and forth with the director at FEBC Cambodia, Phnom Penh, to explain what I wanted in terms of a verie letter or QSL card. At one point, I even used an English-to-Khmer translator to write it in Khmer, hoping this might get the message across.

Have finally succeeded and "The Voice of Love" / FEBC Cambodia is sending a whopper QSL package -- their scans are attached (The hard copy is allegedly already in the mail). I'm already okay with just an e-version, if the airmail letter doesn't show up -- can print this stuff out, so am already good. For some reason, I really like this little mini-station a lot; it seems quite special. Not only a remote studio, but one with extremely distinctive programming and identity, and funky location, too!

Here's the most recent email -- also note Sopheary's email, the v/s for use in reporting From: Sopheary Hem <hem.sopheary@febcambodia.org>
Subject: Re: "Voice of Love" FEBCambodia heard in Central USA on 7420

kHz 1200-1230 UTC (7:00 p.m. Phnom Penh time) on 10 September 2014.

``Hello Ralph, I just done the letter confirming to you. I send via post office today. Please wait it will arrive sometime later. Sorry for inconvenience delaying the respond. I have our staff picture in the attach letter in that envelop as well. Also send you the soft copy in this email attachment. Thank you very much. Sopheary`` (Ralph Perry, IL, Listeners Notebook, Jan NASWA Journal via DXLD)

** CANADA. 1650, CINA, Mississauga ON (presumed); 2313-2320+, 21-Jan; Indian music; ads in unknown language & English, including one for an astrologer (The Bangalore Poacher needs to use that one!) Mainly over sports talk, probably KCNZ Cedar Rapids IA; hoping to catch KYHN (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 6070, 0700-, CFRX, Jan 17. Good reception with Toronto news and then into an encore presentation of Nighttime 1010 program. In the clear (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CFRX, 6070, 1/22/15, fair reception at 0210 UT, listening to the Night Side program this evening as they talk about top 15 fragrances and their cheesy commercials. Audio clips from colognes and fragrances featured: Hai Karate ("Be careful how you use it!"), Brut, English Leather, Wind Song, Charlie -- entertaining retro segment of the program (Larry Zamora, Garland, TX, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6070, CFRX At 0952, like a local, as strong as it is during the day. Usual talk show with M host interviewing W. 1000 ID for Newstalk 1010, weather, and into news. Dropped off within 40 seconds at 1023, and was very weak, even mixing with North Korean IS at 1200 later. But at 1236:00 it jumped up from S6 to S9+15 in just 10 seconds. So it can't be due to just fading. (23 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 6070, Jan 26 at 1409, CFRX is audible poor-fair with Canadian biz news, something about tax help vs the CRA (which I assume = IRS); 1410 ``News-Talk 10-10`` ID, fading up and down. Since latest reactivation, had not been hearing it here after sunrise until now, but too far away for all-day reception.

In A-15 HFCC [not including North Korea, Brasil, etc.] registered conflicts will continue to be the 25 kW ROB, Germany, 24 hours; Vatican Latin at 0530-0615 (hour earlier than now) and also 2040-2100

in Arabic; and IBB S,,o TomÈ at 2000-2030 daily in French. CFRX is not registered, nor are CBC on 6160 & 6160, nor anything on that frequency. I vaguely recall that before its demise, RCI would courteously register the other Canadians (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. CANADA GOVERNMENT ADMITS RENEWED INTEREST FOR OTA

Address to media today from Canada's CRTC chairman...

Looks like they're back-peddling on allowing stations to shut down transmitters without losing must-carry. Also note the part I bolded below [lost already on this post] - they're getting the message! On another note, it's ironic that this address was made in London where there is no OTA CBC station!! wrh (William Hepburn, Grimsby Ont., Jan 29, WTFDA gg via DXLD) Viz.:

Over-the-air television

I have with me today some special items. You could call them magic items. After all, they can make television service bills disappear into thin air.

What's more, when you install them in your home or on your roof here in downtown London, they can give you access to eight Canadian television signals with a picture quality superior to anything delivered by a satellite or cable provider. Channels that show all the best local and national information, American entertainment and educational programming -- for the low monthly rate of zero dollars.

Across Canada, 76% of the population has access to at least five channels thanks to these items, and in some cities that number rises to 15 or more.

What are these ingenious devices?

Digital television antennas such as these bring OTA television signals into our homes at a cost that beats even the best packages offered by the major service providers. But let me say that our decision is not about just affordability. It is about the importance of local and regional news and information programming.

It's natural in an era of such fundamental change that old-style technologies get left behind. As we increasingly look to new television delivery models, we must be mindful not to forget about the essential public service provided by over-the-air television, the critical connection it forges with audiences. We should also keep in mind that 97% of Canadians live within range of a transmitter.**

During our consultations, we had proposed that local stations be allowed to shut down their transmitters. Canadians reacted and told us that the time had not yet come. Ninety-five percent of participants told us that access to OTA stations is of great importance. This is not surprising when you consider that over 40% of viewing between 7 and 11 p.m. in the English-language market and over 50% in the French-language market is to local television stations.

What's more, news programming aired by local stations boasts a 40% viewing share. And the vast majority of Canadians that responded to our public opinion survey considered local news to be important. While these statistics do not make a distinction between content watched over-the-air or through a cable or satellite company, they show us that Canadians rely on the television stations in their communities.

Holding a licence to operate a local television station comes with certain privileges. For example, cable and satellite companies must include the station in their basic package of channels and stations can request simultaneous substitution. Our decision sends a strong message to anyone thinking of shutting down their transmitters that, in doing so, they would be forfeiting these privileges. Canadians don't want to start paying for free TV. And we heard you.

One might argue that OTA is a relic. Certainly, it harkens back to the early 1950s when rabbit ears stood atop unwieldy floor-model televisions. Yet much has changed about OTA as a broadcasting medium, including a wholesale transition three years ago to digital service. *The next few years could yield renewed interest for OTA broadcasting, especially in urban areas where eye-popping image quality, channel selection and, of course, the absence of cost, could convince more consumers that they need not be enslaved to cable and satellite service providers if they want to enjoy high-quality television programming.*

Long term, however, the format must change. The future of television lies more toward viewer-centric, on-demand models than the scheduled broadcasts such as those provided by OTA (via Hepburn, WTFDA gg via DXLD) [* and ** asterisked passages are not followed up either --- gh]

** CHILE. Chile define su horario permanente --- See WORLD OF HOROLOGY: will stay on UT -3 permanently, even tho should be UT -5, not even UT -4!

** CHILE. 7550, 0117-, RCW Compa0ia Worldwide, Jan 24. Intriguing, but I suspect that I'm seeing RCW on the waterfall, but below audio threshold. AM signal, measuring 7549.751. Worth watching! (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

7550 [pretendida], 24/01 0259 UT. Murmullos, mucho ruido en banda de 41 m. SINFO: 25121 45434 (Rx: Golon RX-221UAR; ANT: Telesc pica; QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Regi n, Chile) (Claudio Galaz, condiglista yg via DXLD)

Seg n p gina en Facebook se RCW, Hace 23 minutos
Atenci n amigos: Emisi n sorpresa de RCW de una hora de duraci n a las 23:00 hora de Chile (02 UT) por 7550 kHz e internet en <http://rcwradio.listen2myradio.com/>
.- Media hora con m sica junto a Cucho Zavala
.- Rinc n Diexista de RRI
.- El buz n de NHK
Finalizando emisiones con las informaciones del mundo junto a Radio Francia Internacional a las 0312 UT. 73 y buenas escuchas!!!.
Atte, (via Claudio Galaz, Chile, UT Jan 27, condiglista yg via DXLD)

7550, RCW. 27/01 0304 UT [Tuesday]. Bolet n de noticias de Radio Francia Internacional:
<https://soundcloud.com/claudio-radioham-dx/7550-rcw-27-01-2015-0010-utc>
Despu s dos canciones de estilo J-POP hasta las 0323 aprox. Y despu s con m sica en ingl s de los a os 60's y desde las 0330 m sica chilena de los 90's. A las 0340, m sica de V ctor Jara e Inti Illimani + Gong de 'Escucha Chile' de Radio Mosc  e ID larga de RCW + ID en varios idiomas y gong final a las 0351. SINPO: 45343 (Claudio Galaz, RX: GOLON RX-221UAR, ANT: Telescopica, QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Regi n, Chile, Condiglista yg via DXLD)

** CHINA. CHINA HARASSING AND IMPRISONING CHINESE WORKING FOR FOREIGN NEWS OUTLETS --- By William Wan

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/china-harassing-and-imprisoning-chinese-working-for-foreign-news-outlets/2015/01/21/3941bdc8-a0e6-11e4-91fc-7dff95a14458_print.html

BEIJING -- Zhang Miao has now been in prison for almost four months.

She is a Chinese researcher for a German newspaper in China, and her arrest has sparked fear, outrage and some soul-searching among foreign news organizations in China about the role of their Chinese assistants.

Reporting from China has become increasingly difficult and harrowing in recent years for both Chinese and foreign media, with a sweeping crackdown on press freedom since China's President Xi Jinping took power.

According to the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists, China had more journalists in prison last year than any other country. Most were Chinese citizens.

For years, the most common threat to foreign news outlets has been expulsion. But increasingly, Chinese authorities are attacking news bureaus at their most vulnerable point: their dependence on Chinese citizens who translate and facilitate their coverage.

Zhang Miao's case -- detailed for the first time by the German newspaper, Die Zeit, last week -- shocked many because of how aggressively authorities have punished Zhang and threatened the German reporter she worked with.

"It's a scary thing for all of us because it shows how serious and how far authorities will go if they want to create a case against you," said a U.S. reporter, speaking anonymously to avoid drawing government scrutiny.

Working with news assistants, known as "fixers," is a common practice around the world for foreign news bureaus. But unlike in most countries, researchers in China are strictly regulated by the government and subject to complicated rules that govern everything from their ability to meet interview subjects on their own to banning their names on story bylines.

Those rules forbid them from being hired outright by foreign news outlets and instead require them to be hired under contracts with China's government -- an arrangement designed to keep them under the authorities' watch.

In the past year, news assistants have reported a sharp uptick in harassment. In a survey conducted last spring by the Foreign Correspondents Club of China, more than half the responding correspondents said their assistants had been harassed, up from 35 percent in 2013.

A few were detained overnight and pressured into spying on foreign journalists for the government. Others said their relatives have been threatened and pressured.

Often, there is an invitation to "drink tea" with the authorities -- a euphemism for meetings in which the news assistants are questioned about their bureau's reporting activities.

Zhang, 40, had worked for two years as a news assistant to Angela Koeckritz, 37, a correspondent for the Hamburg-based Die Zeit weekly newspaper. When pro-democracy protests broke out in Hong Kong this

fall, Zhang flew with Koeckritz to cover them .

Zhang later returned to Beijing while Koeckritz remained in Hong Kong. Shortly afterward, she was arrested by police at an artists' colony on the outskirts of Beijing.

According to Koeckritz, Zhang had felt inspired by the protests, and said so on Chinese social media posts. She was taken away with 11 others as they were on their way to a poetry reading in support of the protests.

In a phone interview, Koeckritz said she met with Chinese authorities several times -- and later with German embassy officials -- to lobby for Zhang's release.

The meetings grew increasingly acrimonious.

"It was scary," Koeckritz said. She detailed the experience in a 6,500-word piece in Die Zeit. "They play all these psychological games on you, and they spin everything to try to push you into losing control and saying or doing something irrational or stupid."

During her last meeting with authorities, lasting 4¹/₂ hours, they began suggesting that Koeckritz was a foreign spy who went to Hong Kong to help organize the protests.

Worried for her safety, Koeckritz left China the next day.

Zhang was not allowed to see a lawyer until Dec. 10, more than two months into her detention, in violation of Chinese law. The German newspaper said it held off at first on releasing details of Zhang's arrest in case it might hurt diplomatic efforts to free her, but more than three months later there has been little movement.

Two weeks after fleeing, Koeckritz returned to China for a short time to pack up her belongings and finish reporting for a book. She now lives in Berlin. Die Zeit and the German embassy said they are continuing to press for Zhang's release.

When asked about Zhang's detention in October, China's foreign ministry said Zhang had not been registered with the government as a properly accredited assistant for Die Zeit. Some news outlets have opted against registering their assistants to avoid a \$100-a-month "management fee" and other even higher costs charged by the government, and out of concern that doing so might attract increased government surveillance. But others believe that this exposes news assistants to greater risk and has no effect on already ubiquitous surveillance.

During her interrogations, authorities told Koeckritz she had no legal authority to intercede for Zhang because she was not a registered as working for Die Zeit.

Some correspondents have questioned Koeckritz for not registering Zhang and not steering her away from getting socially involved with activists. But they and human rights groups are quick to point out that neither activity -- even if for some reason deemed illegal -- justifies months of imprisonment.

In an e-mail, Moritz Mueller-Wirth, an editor at Die Zeit, said the decision to not register Zhang was made by the newspaper's editorial board and was not for financial reasons. It was, he wrote, to shield her "from the supervision of the state security. When Zhang Miao was imprisoned we understood that not to register her was a mistake, as it impairs our legal means to help."

Zhang's case has stirred up long-held frustrations among news assistants who feel they bear great risk sometimes, with little recognition and low pay, for foreign news companies.

One longtime researcher for a Western broadcaster said there is no choice. "You can either waste your life away working for China's censored local media where you can't explore any sensitive issues, or you can work for what you actually believe in at a foreign bureau," she said.

Many complain that there is little prospect for advancement because Chinese citizens are banned from becoming reporters for foreign news companies. Others describe pressure from friends and relatives who view them as spies or unpatriotic for exposing China's dirty laundry to outsiders.

"There is more risk for us than any one else in the bureau. If things continue to get worse, everyone has a bottom line," said one researcher for a newspaper from a smaller nation. "For me, if it starts affecting my family members, there's no way I can continue."
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** CHINA. 540, 1613-, CNR 1, Jan 21. What a mishmash of CNR 1 transmitters. They are not exactly in sync, so one hears a muffle of echoes at good level, besides splatter from 550 KTZN, Anchorage.

639, 1639-, CNR 1, Jan 21. Once again, I'm hearing several not quite in-sync CNR 1 stations sharing the frequency. Lots of 640 splatter from KYUK, Bethel.

756, 1718-, CNR 1, Jan 21. Plenty of CNR 1 transmitters here. Took me a while, since the dominant station kept switching, between CNR 1 (// to 1593 and 6030), and KBS 1 (// to 711). HLKA Yeosu is the KBS 1 station with 100 kW listed, and 1 to 100 kW listed for CNR 1.

1566, 1729-, Hubei RGD, Jan 23. Almost certainly Hubei RGD with Chinese talk between a man and woman. Not at all the style of HLAZ. Off suddenly at 1730 which matches PAL. Measured on 1566.031, which also matches. I see two other weaker traces: 1566.000 which left the air at 1730, but was back by 1733, and 1566.003 which remained on across the BOH (Walt Salmaniwa, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 4800, CNR1. Big signal at 1120, nearly as strong as // 9500. Never heard it this strong this season. (22 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlop, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 5000, 1630-, BPM, Xian, Jan 18. Great reception today of the Chinese time signal station. Noted at 1625 with tones between the WWVH tones. At 1629, CW ID and then two IDs in Mandarin just before 1630 clearly stating 'BPM'. I wonder what the power of this station is? (Walt Salmaniwa, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) So their timing still off by about 0.5 second! (gh)

** CHINA [and non]. 13765, THAILAND, Voice of America 1/8, 1030. M in Chinese and hammered by CNR1 jammer. No OOB CNR1 stations or opera [sic] music jammers heard on bandscan at this hour (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, outdoor and indoor random wire, Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6280, CNR1 jammer. Here at 1047 with feature hosted by M and W in Chinese including soundbites. // other frequencies. Good signal. Don't usually hear this frequency at this time. Still going at 1238 recheck, // 6870 and 6970. (18 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlop, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9455, Firedrake Chinese jammer heard at 2017 on 1/19/15 covering Radio Free Asia in Mandarin via Northern Marianas. Fair

9875, Firedrake Chinese jammer heard at 2302 on 1/19/15 blocking Radio Free Asia in listed Tibetan via Lithuania. Fair (Bob Brossell, Pewaukee, WI, JRC NRD-545 (Godar DXR-1000 antenna); Eton E1; Sony ICF SW77, NASWA Flashsheet Jan 25 via DXLD)

7415, Firedrake jamming, Jan 21 at 1706. Great signal if one wanted to listen to raucous music (Vince Henley, Anacortes, WA. Tecsun PL-380, JRC NRD-525, Drake R8B. Antennas are half-meter whip on PL-380 and Alpha-Delta DX-Ultra installed broadside east-west, NASWA Flashsheet Jan 25 via DXLD)

10960, unID, 1/22, 0945. Unable to tell if was CNR1. No other 00Bs or Firedrakes heard this hour.

10960, CNR1 1/22, 1145. Major spike in signal level on recheck after 0945 and 1045. Good ID after pips at ToH and off (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, outdoor and indoor random wire, Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CNR1 jammers, morning of Jan 22:

9200, Jan 22 at 1357, CNR1 jammer, very good with flutter; no time for a full bandscan, but next hour before 1500 I don't find any up to 18 MHz (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7385 // 7300, 6075, 6175, 6145, CNR 1 jammers, Jan 22 at 1607. CNR from mainland covering up RTI underneath, except for 6175 which seems to be aimed at RTI on 6180. Can hear RTI underneath on 7385 but not intelligible. Can hear RTI on 6180 with filtering. The other frequencies are jammed so well that RTI is completely covered from here. Hopeless. Propagation began to shift by 1620 with the lower frequencies being absorbed by the D-layer (Vince Henley, Anacortes, WA. Tecsun PL-380, JRC NRD-525, Drake R8B. Antennas are half-meter whip on PL-380 and Alpha-Delta DX-Ultra installed broadside east-west, NASWA Flashsheet Jan 25 via DXLD)

** CHINA. 4940-, 1525-, Voice of Strait, Jan 24. Superb reception of Saturday-only English language broadcast with story about chopsticks. An interesting program! Sign off announcement at 1529:30 with piano. Back into Chinese at 1530, but with English ID as, 'This is the Voice of Taiwan Strait news radio'. Link to audio snippet:

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/ykkgu0gp5yrng18/](https://www.dropbox.com/s/ykkgu0gp5yrng18/Voice%20of%20Strait%204940%20EE%2015h26%2024Jan2015.mp3?dl=0)

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(Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 4990, PBS Hunan. Jan 23. Now being heard daily; mostly with drama and Chinese opera; time pips continue to be off by two minutes (Jan 18, long pip close to 1258:02)(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 6060, 1430-, PBS Sichuan 2, Jan 18. Thanks to Ron Howard for

alerting us to the English ID, after a fanfare, and presumed same IDs in listed Tibetan. Not particularly strong compared to most other Chinese outlets, with lots of adjacent splatter, especially from Radio Nikkei 1 on 6055 and CNR 2 on 6065. Also strong co-channel RFE/RL from Kuwait in Turkmen. // 7225 even a little weaker, with same adjacent channel problems (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 9665, Jan 23 at 1415, some nice S Asian music catches my ear, soon suspected Sinhala due to several M&W mentions of Sri Lanka, and rising intonations which with much poorer reception can seem like French. Rather informal show with lots of music, 1450 even with a rap beat. All the while well atop North Korea with its typical operatic music at first. 1456 closing finally mentions CRI to 1457*.

Aoki shows 500 kW, 258 degrees from Jinhua 831 site. This and other languages, sites from 1300 to 1757 all clash with KCBS P'yongyang, tsk2, commies vs commies. Of course, the ChiCom are in HFCC while the outlaw KorCom are not, as if their 9665 does not exist. The pair seem close to zero-beat, anyway, congrats, better than Brasil can manage (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. 11710, 0307-, CRI, Jan 17. Russian broadcasts with lots of mentions of Ukraine, and Putin. Good signal, but having to use LSB due slightly weaker Argentina (on about 11710.752). I'm hearing a slight echo on my ALA 100 antenna, so likely short/long path. No echo on NW BOG (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. 15700, Jan 26 at 1511, CRI English on new frequency via CUBA!! VG level but with constant hum, and ICDs = intermittent carrier dropouts every few seconds. (Much stronger than 15770 WRMI BS). A few minutes earlier at 1509, I had noticed usual 13740 CRI relay was absent. 1549 it's still the same with dropouts on 15700.

CRI long ago had plans to move the 14-16 service to 19m: during A-14 it was HFCC registered via HABana on 15535, 250 kW, 305 degrees, but that never happened in A-14 nor in B-14. 13740 was doing just fine here, no dropouts either, but 15700 would have greater range in the daytime, but also a greater skip zone past Florida. We'll see if this stix.

Another unfulfilled QSY in A-14 was for CRI Cantonese 12-13 and English 13-14 on 13590, which would have replaced 9570. Need to check for that now too, or somewhere else on 22m.

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Maybe the Cubans did not want to move from 13 to 15 MHz as originally planned last summer, because they knew the transmitter couldn't take it, and they were right. Still need to check whether 9570 is still on at 12-14 instead of 13 MHz.

9570, Jan 28 at 1323 check, CRI English relay is still here, not moved to 13 MHz; and presumably the preceding hour in Cantonese too.

15700, Jan 28 at 1503 check, CRI English via CUBA remains here still with some hum, distortion and splattering plus/minus 15 kHz (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Frequency changes of China Radio International via Cuba:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/frequency-changes-of-china-radio.html>
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria Jan 28, dxldyg via DXLD) Viz.:

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1400-1457 NF 15700 HAB 250 kW / 305 deg to WNA English, ex 13740
1500-1557 NF 15700 HAB 250 kW / 305 deg to WNA English, ex 13740
Other 2 transmissions of China Radio International are unchanged:
1200-1257 on 9570 HAB 250 kW / 010 deg to ENA Cantonese
1300-1357 on 9570 HAB 250 kW / 010 deg to ENA English
Using remote receivers units in Kensington, NH and Mid State, NY.
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA [and non]. 5910, 0456-, La Voz de tu Conciencia, Jan 24. Nice ID in Spanish. A particularly good evening to the south. Also very good reception (best I've ever heard) of Radio Verdad 4055 at same time (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5910v & 6010v, Jan 25 at 0559, the two HJDHs with good signals, better than usual, 5910 with music, 6010 with talk. Within the next hour, Wolfgang B_schel measured them probably via SDRs in North America: 5910.051 and 6010.225, ``latter hops 3 Hertz around``. I was also hearing het, no doubt Brazil which he put on 6010.055 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CRIMEA. Glenn, I thought you would be interested to know that we will be moving Crimea back under Ukraine in the 2016. It will be as a separate block at the end of the entry but it should be there rather than under Russia. Best wishes ((Nicholas Hardyman, WRTH Publisher, Jan 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also PUBLICATIONS

I had a very odd and disappointed feeling yesterday when I read Nicholas Hardyman's report to Glenn Hauser regarding the 2016 WRTH. He said, iBTW I thought you would be interested to know that we will be moving Crimea back under Ukraine in the 2016 [edition]. It will be as a separate block at the end of the entry but it should be there rather than under Russia.

It was a disappointment for me to read those words since it is clear to me that the Crimea should not be given present circumstances be part of the Russian entry, not the Ukrainian one. The territory (for a half century a precarious part of the Ukrainian SSR and then the independent Ukraine) was seen by its citizens as endangered in 2014 by a right-wing coup d'État in Kiev; through a military process instigated by its citizens and carried out by Russian troops it quickly became de facto part of Russia again. A resounding referendum very quickly made the change clear not just clear but to many people around the world perfectly legal.

I live in a place (Newfoundland) that slipped into a bigger country (Canada) by virtue of a much less resounding referendum (granted without the need for military action), so I wonder what Nicholas Hardyman's notions are. It sounds like he is simply taking a political line (that of the EU, the Ukraine, and the USA) and re-shaping the world-as-it-is to suit that line. To what extent is the WRTH then a mouthpiece for a specific political line? Will the 2016 WRTH also put North Korean, Taiwanese, and other radio stations around the world under the sections of the countries who claim but do not hold them? Why cheapen the WRTH so?

I have been using the WRTH for nearly 35 years and had until now never thought it had a specific political bent. Perhaps I have been naive in this but my eyes have been opened by this statement by Nicholas Hardyman. Am I misunderstanding something here? Posted by: (Philip Hiscock, Jan 17, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

How justifiable Russia's reacquisition of Crimea was, is certainly a matter of dispute. It was definitely by military force. An unbiased and free referendum FIRST would have made it acceptable (à la Scotland). I'm afraid Nicholas (and any other publisher having to deal with geopolitics) is in a no-win situation as far as pleasing all users/readers. Perhaps the solution would be to unilaterally grant Crimea "radio-country status" with its own entry under C as would also apply to numerous other areas on an historical basis. We don't hesitate to do this with Newfoundland in DXLD, altho it's sometimes inconvenient when e.g. mixed in with items from the rest of Canada such as the two 6160s (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

I must admit I agree with Philip, and felt a similar confusion when I

read that comment from Nicholas. I have just received my copy of the 2015 WRTH, and I note that "Crimea and Sevastopol" are listed as a separate section at the end of the entry for Russia. While there's nothing really to get excited about here -- the only stations listed are all on FM -- I was wondering why there's even a need to separate them out. Why not just integrate them with rest of the entry for Russia? I have been buying the WRTH ever since the 1969 Summer Edition (remember those?), and have always been impressed with how unpolitical this reference guide has been, generally representing the world as it is, rather than as some politicians would like it to be. Crimea is now legally a part of Russia again -- why treat it any differently than any other part of Russia? (Ray Robinson, Los Angeles, *ibid.*)

Given its peculiar situation, Glenn's suggestion, a separate "radio-country status" for Crimea, definitely sounds like a good one (Philip Hiscock, *ibid.*)

To Ray and Philip: It IS a big deal to me. There was no free and open referendum. There was an armed incursion and take-over by a much larger and powerful country. Any talk of provocation was pure disinformation from Moscow, much akin to the rantings of Hitler before invading Poland, or Stalin before his attempting to take over Finland during World War II.

Do you want to know the truth? Watch this YouTube video presented in Russian with English subtitles by students from various universities in Kyiv, to their counterparts in Moscow:
<http://euromaidanpress.com/2015/01/28/ukrainian-students-ask-their-russian-counterparts-to-not-believe-propaganda/>

There was no free or overwhelming referendum. The numbers were fabricated. The fellow running Crimea today received 4% of the popular vote in an election in free Ukraine before the invasion. The main Russian agent, Igor Strelkov admitted the same on Russian television just last week:
<http://uatoday.tv/news/moscow-agent-strelkov-admits-russian-army-behind-crimean-referendum-404995.html>

Would you now suggest that the terrorist-led and Russian supported so-called Luhansk and Donetsk People's Republics have their own listings in the WRTH, since they also held "free" elections in May? 73, (Walt [Volodya] Salmaniw, Victoria BC, *ibid.*)

** CUBA. 11435, HM-01 ### station, 1/9, 1600. Caught in progress. VG

10715, HM - 01 ### station, 1/19, 2200. Usual to an OC from 2220 - 2227, then numbers and data resuming. Vox went off at 2251. OC remained until 2257. VG.

10715, HM-01 ### station, 1/21, 2209. Usual to going to OC at 2220-2229 when it resumed. VG.

12180, HM-01 ### station, 1/22, 0950. In progress with usual. Went on thru the ToH (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, outdoor and indoor random wire, Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9330, Sat Jan 24 at 0627, large carrier of dead air --- could be another WBCQ test, but on more regular schedule is Cuban 5-digit YL Spanish numbers/digital bursts; now this is during a pause. Ivo Ivanov has observed a new pattern for ``Cuban Spy Number HM01 with new start/end of transmissions:

xx59-xx21 broadcasts 22 minutes; xx21-xx29 open carrier/dead air
xx29-xx51 broadcasts 22 minutes; xx51-xx59 change of frequencies including 9330:

0559-0651 9330 UNID secret transmitter site Spanish Tue/Thu/Sat

0659-0751 9330 UNID secret transmitter site Spanish Sun/Mon/Wed/Fri``
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 11840, Jan 23 at 0605, very poor signal, presumably RHC on late past nominal 0600*, then dead air, tnx to the sloppyrotors at RadioCuba.

[and non]. 9790, Jan 24 at 0352, CRI relay is back to VG level unlike last night, while 9710 RHC is merely good. Strange propagation tonight; nearest other SW site, WRMI, is JBA on 9955, but Global 24 from there on 9395 is good with jazz.

11840, Jan 24 at 0616, good signal with open carrier/dead air, no doubt RHC failed to turn off again at 0600. Worse?

9710, Jan 24 at 0618, RHC in Spanish is still going here, and very good signal, with excerpt of hoary old Fidel speech. Also still on 9535 at 0619 Jan 24 with much lower modulation, both supposed to quit at 0600.

5040, Jan 25 at 0557, RHC in English, wrapping up jazz show, so presumably again starting English here at 0500 instead of 0600

11760, Jan 25 at 1359, RHC with frequency change announcement that 11950 and 9850 are now closing. Really? As usual, the left hand doesn't know what the other left hand is doing. 11950 continues another hour, including for DX program `En Contacto` from 1435 starting with congrats to two more domestic Cuban stations with anniversaries this week, COCO and another, not a big deal; ending with a Coro contrib which I zoned out on, and outro 1449 with co-host now

named Marta Rios (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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** CYPRUS [non]. 9955, Wed Jan 28 at 1414 just before WORLD OF RADIO on WRMI, 'European News Network' announces that from this coming Saturday [Jan 31] the weekly 1845 broadcast will be on 5905, ex-5925. Secret site for that is BULGARIA per Ivo Ivanov, and IIRC, they were going to make such a move several weeks ago but it did not ensue. Reason: collision with Iran's Albanian service. Presumably HFCC's list on 5905 for Voice of Russia DRM in German is totally imaginary (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Re: ``762.74, Dominican Republic into Michigan - new country. Some snippets of audio tonight but last night was much better. This one really stands out on 762.74. Many thanks to Kaz for pointing me to Bill Whitacre's Water's Edge logs http://realmonitor.com/am_logs_we.php where I noticed Bill's logging of Global 760 on the odd frequency. I gave it a shot here last night and was surprised at the decent audio at times under WJR's splatter. It made for an easy parallel to their internet audio feed for the confirmation.

830 HIJB Santo Domingo was also heard here on the 14th, again thanks to Bill's site for nailing the ID in one of his posted recordings (same ID as I heard, but tougher to comprehend here). 73, (Tim Tromp, West Michigan, Perseus SDR + North/South reversible D-KAZ, Jan 20, IRCA via WORLD OF RADIO 1757, DX LISTENING DIGEST)`` Cf 15-03

Re: 762.74 Dominican Republic into Michigan - new country
I threw together a video and posted the reception to YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eCN5cQdTbE>

It's been present nearly every night, not always this good of course, but it will usually peak to audio for brief moments if I sit on the channel long enough. 73, (Tim Tromp, West Michigan Jan 26, ABDX via DXLD)

** EAST TURKISTAN [and non]. CHINA, Strong signal of China Domestic Services via Urumqi and Geermu

1700-1800 on 3990 URU 100 kW / non-dir to CHN Uyghur PBS Xinjiang

1700-1800 on 4500 URU 050 kW / non-dir to CHN Mongolian PBS Xinjiang

1700-1800 on 4980 URU 050 kW / 230 deg to CHN Chinese PBS Xinjiang

1700-1800 on 4850 URU 100 kW / non-dir to CHN Kazakh PBS Xinjiang

1700-1800 on 4800 GEM 100 kW / non-dir to CHN Chinese CNR-1

1700-1800 on 5060 URU 050 kW / 230 deg to CHN Chinese PBS Xinjiang

1700-1800 on 3950 URU 100 kW / non-dir to CHN Chinese PBS Xinjiang

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/strong-signal-of-china-domestic.html>

73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EAST TURKISTAN. 7425, Jan 28 at 0053, CRI English, then translating Chinese, poor-fair, site? Kashgar, 100 kW at 174 degrees, this hour only (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. 9900, 2215-, Radio Cairo, Jan 19. Strong signal, but totally unusable distorted audio. What a waste of transmitter resources.

Supposed to be in English (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Unscheduled broadcast of Radio Cairo in French was observed on Jan 27

1855-1910 9430 ABS 250 kW / 005 deg EaEu, instead of Russian 1900-2000

1910-2000 9430 ABS 250 kW / 005 deg EaEu, no signal, tx off at 1910!

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/unscheduled-broadcast-of-radio-cairo-in.html>

73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA [non]. CLANDESTINE: Powerful signal of several broadcasts in 1600-1900 UTC slot:

Radio Assenna:

1700-1800 on 11720 SCB 100 kW / 195 deg to EaAf Tigrinya Mon/Thu/Sat

Eritrean Forum:

1700-1800 on 11720 SCB 100 kW / 195 deg to EaAf Tigrinya Tue/Fri/Sun

1700-1800 on 11720 SCB 100 kW / 195 deg to EaAf Arabic Wed

1800-1900 on 11720 SCB 100 kW / 195 deg to EaAf Arabic Sat

73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. CLANDESTINE: Powerful signal of several broadcasts in 1600-1900 UT slot:

Oromo Voice Radio, Raadiyoo Sagalee Oromoo:

1600-1630 on 17850 ISS 250 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Oromo Mon/Wed/Sat

Radio Xoriyo:

1600-1630 on 17630 ISS 500 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Somali Tue/Sat

1600-1630 on 17870 ISS 500 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Somali Mon/Fri

Dimtse Radio Erena:

1700-1730 on 11855 S0F 050 kW / 195 deg to EaAf Afar/Oromo

73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. January 24: [via IRRS, Italy [non]]

Radio Warra Wangeelaa ti in Oromo to EaAf 1505 on 15515 Tiganeshti

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ZsaRIQDvrY&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Warra Wangeelaa ti in Oromo to EaAf 1528 on 15515 Tiganeshti

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WkZ60abTG_s&feature=youtu.be

73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. 5895-USB, PIRATE, R. Onda Media. Music from 2330. Kind of sounded like LA but op and 'Dimbulb' in the chat said classical. Did recognize an announcement by M at 2335. Dimbulb in the chat said ID. (Gino in Italy said Corelli composer at 2338, op said "opera Lirica" at 2339). Peaked 2339:10. Apparently off at 2341. Very weak but definitely there. Only audible on the Delta Loop. (17 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. 6285, PIRATE, R. Magic International. Kind of surprised to find hard rock music at 0925. Also surprised to find it right on frequency, so suspected it might not be Focus. 0929 very short jingle and into "Isn't She Lovely" by Stevie Wonder. 0932 another jingle and another soft pop song. 0936 ID jingle between songs. 0939 "Gimme Dat Ding". Gone by 1003 recheck. Stronger on the Delta Loop but getting a band of local QRN. (17 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. 6305, PIRATE, Abu Dhabi R. Heard again with usual music just past ToH. Lucky to catch an ID at 0030, a little more music, and talk again at 0031 ending with another ID. Not very strong for him, and fady. (17 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE. 162, 0204-, France Inter, Jan 23. Poor to fair reception in

obvious French (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE [non]. 9790, Jan 23 at 0412, RFI very good in French, but low audible heterodyne from CRI Cantonese relay via CUBA USward. The latter can be blasting in, but not tonight, with propagation disfavoring closer signals; also RHC 9710 very poor under IRAN. RFI is 100 kW, 20 degrees from Meyerton, SOUTH AFRICA during this hour only, overlapping with CRI/CUBA. Both of these are in HFCC, since the only Cuban entries are made by the ChiCom, so they think it's cool to collide (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE [non]. 9395, UT Sat Jan 24 at 0620 I tune in RFI via Global 24 as she is announcing winners of a quiz, then questions about tigers on a new quiz; deadline for that is 9 March and prizes announced 14 March. One address is english.service @ rfi.fr I did not hear what the prizes were or will be, but the program segment is 'Sound Kitchen', 'where you never know what you'll be served', amounting to a brief mailbag, hosted by Susan Owensby. Will be back next Saturday at 0452, 0622, 0752; 0626 on to a press review. So S.K. is apparently only a few minutes, but it was already going 2 minutes before 0622 today. Does this mean all features repeat on a sesquihour cycle? Anyhow, G24 carries only the 06-07 hour, and usually, as this time, the signal has built up to very good level, unlike daytime or earlier in evenings (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE. FAILURE OF IP "RADIO" IN FRANCE RECENTLY

Fascinating read:

http://radiomagonline.com/digital_radio/

author_blasts_ineffectiveness_of_streaming_radio_during_french_anti-terror_protests_0121/

(Wally Bloss - the G Mail Account, A Human, Jan 21, WTFDA gg via DXLD)

** GERMANY. Channel 292 relays from January 31 till March 29

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/channel-292-relays-from-january-31-till.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan 28, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [non]. See RWANDA: Kigali will close and be dismantled

** GOA. 9809.97, INDIA, AIR Panaji. While looking for the Nord Revival test on 9815, found a huge signal here from Panaji playing subcontinental pop music at 1159. Went off at 1201:12 in mid-song even though it's scheduled to stay on until 1215. Panaji was back on at 1217 recheck and way over CNR2. (22 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. 9415, Voice of Greece, 1/12, 0250. Interesting program of Greek music. Fair with weak // on 9935 (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, outdoor and indoor random wire, Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ERT Open on two frequencies only on Jan 22:

from 1700 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek

from 1700 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg to WeEu Greek, alt 11645 is off

from 1700 15650 AVL 100 kW / 105 deg to SoAs Greek, instead of 15630

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/greece-ert-open-on-two-frequencies-only.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9420, Jan 24 at 0620, ERTOpen is on with good signal, classical guitar music. Hadn't heard it for a few days (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ERT Open again on two frequencies on Jan 24:

from 0715 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek

from 0715 11645 AVL 100 kW / 182 deg to NoAf Greek, or 9935 are off!

from 0715 15650 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg to WeEu Greek, instead of 15630

Around 1015 ERT Open was gone air, video:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/ert-open-again-on-two-frequencies-on.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RTOpen open for election results --- ERTOpen (9420 kHz) is solid and clear this afternoon (just after 1900 UT) with live coverage of the election results. I wish they were giving English reports from time to time, but I can tell from the sound of their voices that most of them are very happy at the projected win for Syriza. Given that Syriza has promised to put the ERT back on a solid footing (and their other promises, too), so am I. I am in eastern Newfoundland (Philip Hiscock, Jan 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9420, Jan 26 at 0648, ERTOpen [still known as?], is on with W&M conversation in Greek, fair signal. Wonder what the election of leftist government portends now for ERT/NERIT? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

385 billion Euros are waiting for payment in the next coming 60 years. The credit period is stretched. A Greek national load balancing loomed on the horizon? Hopefully, the EU will continue to guarantee these additional public debt in order to pay the Electricity for Avlis radio station. Hopeless, the rich Greeks Upper Class, shipping companies, oligarchs, and the Orthodox Church will finally pay ALSO national taxes in future? (Wolfgang B.schel, Germany, Jan 27, wwdxc BC-DX)

TopNews, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ERT Open on 2 frequencies in 0800-2000 UT time slot, Jan 26

from 0800 9420 170 kW / 323 WeEu as scheduled

from 0800 11645 100 kW / 182 NoAf motorboating

from 0800 15630 100 kW / 285 WeEu Greek is not air

from 1200 9420 170 kW / 323 WeEu open carrier, co-ch CNR Uyghur

from 1200 11645 100 kW / 182 NoAf open carrier plus motorboating

from 1200 15630 100 kW / 105 SoAs Greek is not air

from 1500 9420 170 kW / 323 WeEu open carrier, co-ch CNR Uyghur

from 1500 11645 100 kW / 182 NoAf open carrier, co-ch VOK Arabic

from 1500 15630 100 kW / 105 SoAs Greek is not air

from 1520 9420 170 kW / 323 WeEu as scheduled, co-ch CNR Uyghur

from 1520 11645 100 kW / 182 NoAf motorboating, co-ch VOK Arabic

from 1520 15630 100 kW / 105 SoAs Greek is not air

from 1700 9420 170 kW / 323 WeEu as scheduled, co-ch CNR Uyghur

from 1700 9935 100 kW / 285 WeEu motorboating

from 1700 15630 100 kW / 105 SoAs Greek is not air

from 1900 9420 170 kW / 323 WeEu as scheduled, co-ch VIRI Alban

from 1900 9935 100 kW / 285 WeEu motorboating

from 1900 15650 100 kW / 285 WeEu Greek is not air

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/ert-open-on-2-frequencies-in-0800.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30

m. long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9420, Jan 26 at 2157, ERTOpen is on in Greek // weaker 9935

15630, Jan 27 at 1508, Greek talk, fair with echo

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Open ERT on the air tonight on 9420 and 9935 (better). I wonder if the Greek election result will have an impact on the future of ERT?

(Richard B. Langley, University of New Brunswick, 0338 UT Jan 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ERT Open on 2 and then on 3 freqs in 1100-1700 UT time slot, Jan 26

from 1100 on 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek, as scheduled

from 1100 on 11645 AVL 100 kW / 182 deg to NoAf Greek, motorboating

from 1100 on 15630 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg to WeEu Greek is not on air

from 1215 on 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek, as scheduled

from 1215 on 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg to WeEu Greek, motorboating

from 1215 on 15630 AVL 100 kW / 105 deg to SoAs Greek, as scheduled

from 1415 on 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek, as scheduled
from 1415 on 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg to WeEu Greek, motorboating
from 1415 on 15630 AVL 100 kW / 105 deg to SoAs Greek, as scheduled

from 1600 on 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek, as scheduled
from 1600 on 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg to WeEu Greek, motorboating
from 1600 on 15630 AVL 100 kW / 105 deg to SoAs Greek, as scheduled
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/ert-open-on-2-and-then-on-3-freqs-in.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, 1007 UT Jan 28, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)
Jan 26 wrong date? cf earlier report of that date. Maybe this one was supposed to be Jan 27? (gh, DXLD)

Is the new Tspiras government trying to reach out? ERTOpen, 9935 kHz at 1810 with French newscast after Greek. Bad hum on frequency // 15630, weaker but clearer signal. No English or Spanish heard, so far. (Marty Delfin, Madrid -- Sony ICF-77, whip, WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There have been sporadic news in these languages before the Regierungswechsel (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ERT Open with French news on Jan 28:

1808-1813 on 9415 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek
1808-1813 on 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg to WeEu Greek
1808-1813 on 15630 AVL 100 kW / 105 deg to SoAs Greek
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/ert-open-with-french-news-on-jan28.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. Re: ``KOREA NORTH. 11645, Jan 26 at 1505, humwhine on poor carrier, no other modulation audible. Aoki shows VOK in Arabic, so probably that, altho HFCC also has a wooden(?) registration for Pakistan in Urdu, quite capable of similar noise (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

Open carrier/dead air of ERTOpen on 11645 from 1200 till 1520. Change to 9935 at 1700 UT. Videos will be uploaded later today -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So that was probably it; 11645/9935 bear the defective Avlis transmitter.

9420 Jan 28 at 0055, ERTOpen with Greek music, very good // somewhat weaker 9935, the latter with whinebuzz (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUATEMALA. 4055, R Verdad, 1/3, 1200. Female vocalist, gospel hymns. Excellent signal, somewhat muddled audio.

4055, R Verdad, 1/13, 0940. Old school gospel music, VG signal (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, outdoor and indoor random wire, Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4055, UT Sunday Jan 25 at 0558, R. Truth sign-off procedure with canned IDs going from Italian to Swedish; fair with some distortion. On UT Monday, of course, it will be closing much earlier.

Radio Verdad will soon be celebrating its ``quincea0era``, per Historia on website: ``"Radio Verdad" sali  al aire el 25 de febrero, a las 5:20 p. m., y fue inaugurada el 5 de marzo del a o 2000``. We first heard it and brought it to attention of the DX world (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUYANA. Hi Glenn, How are you? I wanted to give you an update on the Voice of Guyana. I am flying there Monday Night. I will be arriving Tuesday Morning. The first trip is more of a "trriage" for the 10 kilowatt shortwave and a 25 kilowatt medium-wave. I may not be able to get either of them back on until I get the parts needed. Unfortunately, the MOSFETs and MOSFET DRIVERS I designed the shortwave around, in 2008, are no longer available. Additionally, the new MOSFETS with which the new design is based, have a 12 week lead time. However, I will try to piece together what I can, and get them on at some power level. (Anyone have an old DX-100 I can borrow? Kidding.)

I think I am going to put them on a higher frequency if possible. We have had a very high Sunspot Cycle and I think 3.290 MHz is too low, even for covering the interior of Guyana. (Daytime absorption and the regularly scheduled R.F. "flotsam and jetsam" on that frequency.) I'll take some pictures of the site, and send them to you. Glenn, please give everyone my best regards. Thank You (Jamie Labadia, NY, Jan 22, WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi again Glenn, My flight from New York was delayed due to the N.Y.C. blizzard. I am actually leaving at 1:35 A.M. tomorrow morning. (Fun!!) This is going to be a rough one. I may only be able to get them on at a kilowatt or so, for a month or two. As I said, I'll send some pictures of the Guyana Site. Glenn, thanks for allowing me to use the DXLD site for getting reports. It is a great help for guys like me in the field. Best Regards (Jamie Labadia, Jan 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HONG KONG [non]. International broadcaster, this time TWR Hong Kong. Small but cute package from TWR - Hong Kong arrived today in a small brown envelope with very colorful HK stamps, from a Mr. (?) Mt. Schroeder and included two colorful business cards for TWR HK; a KTWR Guam QSL duly filled out and mailed from HK; and a pic postcard-sized

color photo promo card. Took about 60 days.

TWR Hong Kong studio is the TWR partner that prepares Chinese content for transmission via Guam. From what I can cobble together from the B14 Aoki, the TWR-HK schedule doesn't seem to have changed since my first loggings in early October. Some of the current sked would be: 9910 Mandarin 1100-1230, 9940 Cantonese 1330-1400, and 9975 Mandarin 1215-1445.

Contact info via the website: Mailing Address: Trans World Radio Hong Kong Ltd., Chinese Ministry, Tsim Sha Tsui, P. O. Box 98697, Hong Kong. Email: asiaticim@twr.org; I also tried info@twr.org.hk and am not sure which of my attempts worked, as I also sent out a printed reception report via airmail (Ralph Perry, IL, Listeners Notebook, Jan NASWA Journal via DXLD) Unfortunately, all transmissions are via KTWR, Guam (Rich D'Angelo, ed., ibid.)

** ICELAND [and non]. 189, Rikisutvarpid, (tentative); 0451-0504+, 18-Jan; English & unknown language pop tune; 0456+ sounded like sung "Island"; 0500 W in Nordic language with news -- mentioned Obama; 0503 back to music. SIO=253-, best heard in quite a while! A few other LWBC audio hints; 198 BBC(p) there, but DIW [beacon] unusually strong covering it. Nothing from Ireland on 252 heard for quite a while (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

189, 0206-, Rikisutvarpid, Ras, Jan 23. Probably the best of the bunch. Good level with Icelandic talk (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. Monitoring observations of President Pranab Mukherjee's address to the nation on Eve of Republic Day in English & Hindi on 25 January 2015 (Sunday) from 1330 UT (1900 IST) onward through All India Radio:

kHz	kW	Station	SIO
4760	7	Leh	?
4760	8.5	Port Blair	151
4800	50	Hyderabad	544 CCI from Chinese station
4810	50	Bhopal	322
4820	50	Kolkata	xxx Only Chinese station heard
4835	10	Gangtok	131 CCI from ABC, Australia
4850	50	Kohima	xxx Only Chinese station heard
4860	50	Shimla	252
4880	50	Lucknow	353
4895	50	Kurseong	252
4910	50	Jaipur	322

4920	50	Chennai	422 CCI from Chinese station
4950	50	Srinagar	353 Longer transmission than recent days
4970	50	Shillong	353
4990	50	Itanagar	353
5010	50	Thiruvananthapuram	353
5040	50	Jeypore	Off air at 1330 UT but shortly later 454
5050	10	Aizawl	444, later 222, CCI from Chinese Station
6030	250	Delhi	454
9380	250	Aligarh	xxx Off Air
9425	250	Delhi	242
9870	500	Bengaluru	433 CCI from Chinese Station

The live telecast of Republic Day Parade from New Delhi will be available on 26 Jan 2015 from 0350 UT (9.20 am IST) in the following link:

<http://www.ddinews.gov.in/Default.aspx>

Happy Republic Day to all Dx India members!

(Jose Jacob & Alokesh Gupta, dx_india yg via DXLD)

Jan 25, eve of Republic Day with special broadcast of the annual President's speech to the nation. Disappointed that AIR Kohima (4850) did not broadcast today, although it probably did not matter much, as PBS Xinjiang was doing well on 4850 and Kohima would have had a hard time competing with them.

1331 National Anthem; speech in English; 1348 iJai Hindî; NA again; repeated speech in Hindi. President's address noted //:

4760 AIR Port Blair (presumed - only an open carrier)

4800 AIR Hyderabad (CNR1/China QRM)

4810 AIR Bhopal

4860 AIR Shimla

4880 AIR Lucknow

4895 AIR Kurseong

4910 AIR Jaipur

4920 AIR Chennai (QRM)

4950 AIR Radio Kashmir, Srinagar (presumed - only an open carrier)

4970 AIR Shillong

4990 AIR Itanagar (strong PBS Hunan/China QRM). Itanagar had been off the air recently.

5010 AIR Thiruvananthapuram

5040 AIR Jeypore (had some problems at the beginning - off the air for a bit)

5050 AIR Aizawl (mixing with BBR/China). When I first checked at 1331 was clearly // to the speech, but by 1352 no longer //, but with religious singing, underneath BBR. Aizawl has been regularly broadcasting since Jan 13.

<http://presidentofindia.nic.in/speeches-detail.htm?372>

- transcript of today's address.

It still seems to me that former President Shrimati Pratibha Devishingh Patil delivered the best sounding iJai Hindî! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Monitoring observations of AIR stations from northeast on this evening during President's address as noted by me in Agartala are: Imphal (4775) & Kohima (4850) absent. Itanagar (4990) & Aizawl (5050) heard fairly well. Shillong (4970) comparatively weak. Gangtok (4835) as usual. Among others Kurseong (4895). Jeypore (5040), Port Blair (4760) were there as expected, but no sign of Kolkata (4820). (Pradip Kundu, Tripura, India, via Facebook via Sudipto Ghose, Jan 25, dxldyg via DXLD)

Returning home after my school program, I checked the SW dial to see which AIR local stations carrying Republic Day commentary in between 0515~0550 UT. Though it was too late, I found Kurseong (both 4895 & 7230), Shillong 7315, Itanagar 6150 all going well. Gangtok 4835 & 6085, Aizawl 7295, Port blair 7390 were there very poor. Bhopal 7430 & Lucknow 7440 were as expected. Kohima, Imphal, Jeypore & Kolkata not audible (Pradip Kundu, Tripura, India, via Facebook via Sudipto Ghose, Jan 25, dxldyg via DXLD)

Monitoring Observations of Special broadcasts by AIR for Republic Day 2015, 26 January 2015 (Monday) === Running Commentary of Republic Day parade from 0350 UT (0920 IST) onwards, SIO Reports: XXX = Not heard at my location in Hyderabad

Hindi: (Cancelling External Service in Urdu normally broadcast at this time on these frequencies): 6155 (Aligarh 250 kW): 15195 (Delhi 250 kW): 433, 11620 (Bengaluru 500 kW): 454

English: 6030 (Delhi 250 kW): 454, 15050 (Bengaluru 500 kW): 353

The following regional stations changed from their Morning frequencies on 60 Meters (4 & 5 MHz frequencies) to their day time frequencies between 0335-0350 UT (i.e. much earlier than usual):

6000	Leh	xxx
6040	Jeypore	xxx noted on 5040, 353
6065	Kohima	xxx
6085	Gangtok	xxx
6150	Itanagar	xxx
7230	Kurseong	xxx
7295	Aizawl	xxx
7315	Shillong	252

7325 Jaipur 353 Hindi
7440 Lucknow 353 Hindi

The following stations scheduled to be on air daily at this time relayed the running commentary.

6020 Shimla 252 Hindi
6110 Srinagar xxx
7210 Kolkata 151
7290 Thiruvanthapuram 252 English
7380 Chennai 555 English
7390 Port Blair xxx
7420 Hyderabad 555 English
7430 Bhopal 555 Hindi

Happy Republic Day to all Dx India members! 73, (Jose Jacob, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad 0520 UT Jan 26, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. 4800 kHz, AIR - Hyd[e]rabad. On air today at 1303 with a long Hindi talk. Then at 1310 a program announcement in English, then back to Hindi announcements and Indian ballads. Has been intermittent in its operations of recent times, so it's good to hear it back on air again. Good signal and a little stronger than the co-channel CNR 1, Jan 19 (Rob Wagner, Vic, MEDXR blog Jan 23 via DXLD)

** INDIA. 4895, Kurseong wasn't on at 1215 or before, but was there at 1219 with music. (17 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 5040, 1654-, AIR, Jan 23. A decent S6 to S7 signal with Hindi programming. Weak CODAR cochannel (between about 5033 and 5048 with sweeping tones) (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 4990, AIR Itanagar, 1416, Jan 26. Assume local news in Hindi, changing over to news in English at 1420; PBS Hunan/China many times stronger than Itanagar, so clearly PBS has recently improved the transmitter or it's new; second day with AIR back on the air.

5040, AIR Jeypore, 1512, Jan 26. Noted changing from local programs to the audio feed from Delhi; ads; fair.

5050, AIR Aizawl, 1435, Jan 26. Sports news in English; mixing with BBR/China; both about equal strength. Much better propagation than yesterday (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. All India Radio reactivated 9620 kHz in 1230-2030 UT slot:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/all-india-radio-reactivated-9620-khz-in.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan 28, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So that collides with SPAIN! From 1900 weekdays, 1500 weekends (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DXLD)

** INDIA. 9870, AIR 1/4, 1710. Indian music with drums, female vocal. VG (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, outdoor and indoor random wire, Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9870, Vividh Bharati. Between 1251:30 and 1252:15, the signal came on the air with OC, audio (music) up briefly for 10 seconds, OC, then signal off for 5 seconds, OC back on for 5 seconds, then the music up continuing. Good as usual. (24 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

AIR Bengaluru was noted last night (25 Jan 15) from around 1625 UT on 9700 with Vividh Bharati program. Normally they are on 9870
Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, Mobile: +91 94416 96043,
<http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos> dxindia yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DXLD)

** INDIA. 9950, 1801-, AIR, Jan 21. Just barely able to see the DRM signal. No luck decoding today (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. AIR, 11670, 1/22/15, fair reception at 1806 UT, listening to news bulletin along with a news story on Japanese hostages held by ISIS terrorists. 1816 several Indian musical selections and ID at 1830 (Larry Zamora, Garland, TX, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. SCAN ON 16 METERBAND at 1030-1100 UTC time slot includes:
1000-1100 17510*DEL 250 kW / 132 deg to AUS English All India Radio
1000-1100 17895*BGL 500 kW / 120 deg to AUS English All India Radio
* open carrier/dead air
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/scan-on-16-meterband-at-1030-1100-utc.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. DOORDARSHAN RELAUNCHES WEBSITE TO INCREASE ACCESSIBILITY

In keeping with its pledge to give a new look to all its properties, Doordarshan has revamped its website <http://www.ddindia.gov.in>

The new look of the website is fresh, vibrant, contemporary and colourful. The emphasis is as much on aesthetic appeal as it is on content and administration related details. The new website also offers ease of navigation as it has dedicated pages of each national channels including one for DD Kisan channel, which is yet to be launched.

Touted to be the corporate website, Doordarshan's new launched website further links the user to all regional channels existing websites. The latest topics on the homepage range from specific details on the only free to air DD Free Dish to news headlines to scheduled movies of the week and easy social media accessibility. Also, via website, users would be able to access the live streaming of DD News.

The website also offers a clickable option for the users to view the website in four different colour themes. The users can also change the sizes of the fonts for ease of legibility. An added new feature that merits mention is the dynamically updated programme schedule of national channels with regular update being done remotely by iWhat's On India. This channel guide allows users to view the programmes being telecast for that particular time band on each channel, as well as the programmes lined up for the entire day.

The multi-media gallery section incorporated in the newly launched website details the users on the latest developments and upcoming events at Doordarshan.

For greater speed and ease of navigation, superior technology has been incorporated while designing the website. Access to sub-sections has been made quicker and easier. The browsing experience on www.ddindia.gov.in has been made richer.

This mobile-friendly and content rich website is being maintained by the National Informatics Centre. Source & Credit:
<http://www.indiantelevision.com/television/tv-channels/terrestrial/doordarshan-relaunches-website-to-increase-accessibility-150122>

Yours sincerely, (via Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India Mobile: +91 94416 96043
<http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos> dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDIA [non]. Here's another previously little-known ('new', hi) remote studio target for you to log and QSL: AWR India originates programming from the several studios that Adventist World Radio operates within India, creating Adventist broadcast content for retransmission to the subcontinent by various rented transmitters or

by KSDA Guam.

The Adventist Media Centre India (AWR Pune Studio / Pune Media Center) is their oldest and largest studio complex in India and appears to be responsible for generating all AWR programming heard in the following seven major languages of the subcontinent: Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Punjabi, Telugu and Tamil. They also produce specialized English programming for various Asian targets, sub continental and beyond. (Note: There are a few newer, smaller studios that have more recently opened in India to service a few minor sub continental languages; more on that in a later report.) Given AWR Pune's extensive program production, they are widely broadcast and fairly easy to hear, just consult Aoki for a time and frequency for AWR in one of the above languages. Here are some B14 listings:

15150	1500-1530	Punjabi (a.k.a. Panjabi) via Nauen, Germany
15495	1500-1530	Telugu via KSDA Guam
15665	1500-1530	Tamil via KSDA Guam
11955	1530-1600	Hindi via Trincomalee, Sri Lanka
12035	1530-1600	Marathi via Trincomalee, Sri Lanka
15250	1530-1600	Hindi via Nauen, Germany
15290	1530-1600	Punjabi via Moosbrunn, Austria
15665	1530-1600	Kannada via KSDA Guam
15680	1530-1600	Malayalam via Talata Vonondry, Madagascar

I listened to one of their Punjabi service programs and received a quick eQSL reply from the director of the Pune Media Center, Dr. Edison Samraj.

"Dear Ralph Perry, Thank you for your email dated October 16. We are happy that you are popularizing AWR Pune transmission among many of your radio friends. You may monitor other broadcasts if you wish from the US. May God bless you in your endeavour. Thank you for your report of the shortwave program in Punjabi. We appreciate your interest and commitment to AWR. May God bless your leadership is my prayer. Regards, Dr Edison Samraj, Director."

You can send email reports directly to AWR Pune at: adventistmediacentre@gmail.com Or else, to send a physical report by airmail, you can use the following direct address: Adventist Media CentreñIndia, P.O. Box 17, GPO, Pune 411 001, Maharashtra, India (Ralph Perry, IL, Listeners Notebook, Jan NASWA Journal via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 3345, 1440-, RRI Ternate, Jan 22. First noticed this morning, measured on 3344.861. Initially thought to be a fisherman with phone quality audio, but then realized it was a phone caller talking to the announcer. Into lovely Indonesian music at 1443. Good reception with a fair bit of static crashes. Nice to see them back. No

one else on 90 meters at this time except for North Korea (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3344.85, RRI Ternate (presumed), 1304, Jan 23. Noted with one of their better days; above threshold level audio; poor (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3344.870, RRI Ternate, music at 1455 UT, but hard to identify, only threshold level, in Brisbane Queensland, Australia (Wolfgang B,schel, log January 25, 1440 - 1520 UT, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 4869.90, RRI Wamena, 1219, Jan 18. End of the Jakarta news; usual patriotic song iBagimu Negeriî (For You Our Country); into local programming. Both RRI Makassar (4749.95) and RRI Palangkaraya (3325) continue their long standing silence. Audio of iBagimu Negeriî at

<https://app.box.com/s/rnnejj5m7ki04q8puanxuwaphpuv2n6t>

with local ID at the end of the audio.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C0vsqqvJLlU>

contains studio quality "Bagimu Negeri." Recent reception well above average.

Thursday, Jan 22, at 1229, with intro to the KGI program in English; only bits and pieces made out; poorer than recently heard (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4869.912, RRI Wamena 1148 UT, in downtown Sydney Australia, S=8 (Wolfgang B,schel, Jan 24, Quick log (like more ski down hill competition Kitzbuhel Austria in TV), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 4870-, Jan 25 at 1340, poor signal with undermodulated music, and with BFO also a second carrier on slightly different frequency: presumably RRI Wamena and AIR Nepali service from Delhi-Kingsway. Several other 60m frequencies bore Asian signals appropriate for India, China, Tibet. Sunrise here was 1338.

This was right during the Republic Day speech by the President on all AIR frequencies, but nothing listenable on 60m here. The next big event will be the Republic Day parade, UT Monday Jan 26 starting at 0350 on daytime domestic SW frequencies, per Jose Jacob and also in English on 6030 and 15050; Hindi on 6155, 9595, 11620. But parades are better seen than heard: Suppose US media will devote more coverage than usual since Pres. Obama will be in the audience (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. Hello Glenn. I hope you are well. As always, thanks for allowing us to broadcast World of Radio. It is very much appreciated.

We've made some changes to our schedule. We've added some new programs, and have shifted things around a bit. We are now airing World of Radio a couple of hours later on Sunday evenings. The new time is Sundays at 9:00 PM Eastern (UT Mondays at 0200). Our website remains Geneva Community Radio: Your Voice For Many Voices In The Finger Lakes

We're airing a lot of programming that we've heard about through your recommendations on World of Radio, as well as programs we've run across on Shortwave stations such as Global 24.

Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in obtaining an LPFM license. This was due to the incompetence of the engineering firm we hired to prepare and submit our application to the FCC. Even with this loss, we are determined to one day put our programming onto an FM frequency. I am now trying to start a dialogue with our local college and NPR stations to determine if we can make use of an HD subchannel, and possibly a translator for analog listening.

Thanks again. Your efforts are greatly appreciated (Jake Longwell, Jan 21, WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

FROM:
<http://genevaradio.blogspot.com/>

January 22, 2015 --- GCR Adds New Programs

Geneva Community Radio is pleased to welcome several new programs to our weekly schedule. We are very proud of our diverse programming, and we are always seeking out compelling new shows to make our station even better than before.

We have several new musical offerings, including Compact Discoveries, Center Stage From Wolf Trap, Jazz From the Left, Earthsongs, and Juke in the Back. We've also moved the popular World music show Global Village With Chris Heim to a Monday thru Friday evening time slot.

We've also added new spoken word offerings, including more excellent programs from the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC).

Don't worry. All the great programs you've come to expect from GCR are still here. We've shifted the times of some programs to give our schedule a better flow. The complete, up to date program schedule is now posted on this website. Check it out!

What do you think of the new schedule? What kinds of programming would you like to hear more of on GCR? We value your opinion as a listener. Send your feedback to genevaradio@yahoo.com

As always, thanks to everyone for their continued support!
Posted by Geneva Community Radio at 5:59 AM No comments:

November 4, 2014 More Bad News, But GCR Forges Ahead

To Our Listeners And Supporters. After eight months of waiting for the FCC to rule on our Petition for Reconsideration, we received word on November 3rd that the petition has been denied. The commission strongly disagreed with the claims made by our engineering consultants. At this point, it appears that any hope of Geneva Community Radio obtaining a Low Power FM license, during this round of applications at least, is now gone.

Words cannot express the disappointment felt by everyone connected with the radio station. However, GCR remains committed to providing quality programming to a global audience on our webcast. As far as gaining access to a local radio frequency, we are determined to explore all paths to make this happen. Our next step is to try and reach out to other local broadcasters to determine if some kind of partnership could be developed to put some or all of GCR's programming on the local radio dial. Beyond that, we will look to the next opportunity to file a new application with the FCC, either for Low Power FM, or a "full power" Non-Commercial Educational (NCE) license. As of now, we know of no plans to open a filing window for either service anytime soon.

As always, watch this space for further updates. Thanks to everyone for your continued support, as we remain determined to bring community radio to our region despite the obstacles placed in our path.
Jason Longwell, GCR Station Manager (via DXLD)

Take a good look at the GCR program schedule for more ideas, like Thursdays at 7-8 pm [UT Fridays 00-01]:

What's The Frequency, Kenneth?
https://www.facebook.com/PaulsFrequency/info?tab=page_info

About:

Address

No street address

Short Description

This is the facebook page for more information about "What's the Frequency, Kenneth?"... my "newsicals" consisting of narration music and soundbites.

Long Description

Each program is about 55 minutes and devoted to a single subject. Episodes air and stream on various Pacifica stations, The Public Radio Exchange (prx.org) and other non commercial outlets.

This program is produced/hosted by Paul Fischer... former writer (24 years) for Dan Rather on the CBS Evening News and former News Director of 2 Pacifica Radio stations (WBAI NY and KPFA Berkeley).

After retiring from CBS News, I have returned to my roots in public radio.

Mission

To provide audio programs that inform and entertain and are unlike other programs you hear on the radio or streamed on the internet

Awards

I have 11 Writers Guild of America Awards, a News Emmy, an Overseas Press Club Award...and no paying job. :)

Products

None. Zip. Nada.

Email

pffffischer@gmail.com

(via Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. PCJ on Global Voice

The Global Voice

@TheGlobalVoice

Tweeted 20 minutes ago

At 2200 UT on TGV from PCJ Radio Media Network Plus with Keith Perron: a look at the world of communications <http://bit.ly/1m8zctM> #audio (via Mike Terry, Jan 22, dxldyg via DXLD)

** IRAN. 5920, V. of the Islamic Rep. of Iran. Signal on at 1320:10 and almost immediately into the usual soft piano s/on melody. Reminds me of the music from the first "Rocky" movie. Into music for a short time at 1323, then Koran at 1324. Still barely audible by 1344 recheck. (24 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7325, 0322-, Voice of Justice, Jan 21. Excellent reception tonight with ID at 0323 simply as, 'This is the Voice of Justice'. Incorrect frequencies are given (11 and 13 MHz), and into Koran. Cochannel CRI from Kashi in Russian is audible cochannel but weakly with deep fades, so not an issue. Interesting program today talking about the rise of neo-nazism in Europe and Islamophobia. 9710 is also heard, but 31 meters is a bit too high to guarantee good reception. Nonetheless, reception on 9710 which earlier was only fair, is almost as strong as 7325 after 0400. After describing groups in Germany and France, they went on to describe Canada, and official links with the JDL. 7325 went off the air suddenly at 0418, while 9710 continued until the end of the program at 0420 (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9585, Jan 22 at 1419, VIRI in Japanese mentioning ``IRIB``, fair signal holding its own against 9580 Australia; 1420 music IS to 1421*. It's 60 degrees from Sirjan. Then tuned to 9580 but could not hear Ahwaz starting the 26-degree Russian hour under RA (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [non]. Additional frequency of Radio Ranginkaman, Radio Rainbow from Jan 16
1700-1730 on 9925 SOF 050 kW / 090 deg to WeAs Farsi Mon/Fri, plus 2nd harmonic 19850
parallel freq 7550 KCH 100 kW / 100 deg to WeAs Farsi Mon/Fri weak on January 23
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/additional-frequency-of-radio.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, Jan 24, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DXLD)

January 23:
Radio Ranginkaman in Farsi to WeAs 1701 on additional 9925 Secretbrod
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6i0iTof0DSY&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Ranginkaman in Farsi to WeAs 1715 on additional 9925 and 2 hx 19850 Secretbrod
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VG6mGIy5VQY&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Ranginkaman in Farsi to WeAs 1727 on additional 9925 and 2 hx 19850 Secretbrod
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ho34WHc8Kg&feature=youtu.be>
73! Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Ranginkaman on Jan 26 1700 UT on 9925 --- More 3 videos of Radio Ranginkaman on Jan 26 via old transmitter in Secretbrod
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/additional-frequency-of-radio.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan 27, dxldyg via DXLD)

** ITALY. ONDE MEDIE IN ITALIA - LA OPINIONE DI ANDREA LAWENDEL

26 gennaio 2015

Onde medie, la fine del monopolio Rai arriva troppo tardi?

<http://radiolawendel.blogspot.it/2015/01/onde-medie-la-fine-del-monopolio-rai.html>
(via playdx yg via DXLD)

** JAPAN. 567, 1719-, JOIK, Jan 20. A real nice dawn enhancement, especially on the lower frequencies, with strong reception of this NHK1 transmitter from Sapporo. 594 from Tokyo is much weaker, while South Korea on 603 (HLSA) is also very strong. This morning has proven to be about the strongest so far since my arrival on Friday.

[and non]. 567, 1620-, JOIK, Jan 21. Excellent reception, as expected, but I can also hear probable HLKF from Jeonju, S. Korea seemingly // to 711.

612, 1629-, JOLK, NHK 1, Jan 21. Very strong signal with network programming, and much stronger than JOAK, Tokyo on 594. A few minutes later, though, another, presumably Chinese station rose up, but rapidly back down.

666, 1643-, JOBK, Jan 21. Reasonable strong reception // to 594 and other NHK 1 stations. Splatter from 670 KDLG, Dillingham [AK] (S 9 + 20)

675, 1646-, JOVK, NHK 1, Jan 21. No sign of Vietnam this morning. Instead, I'm hearing NHK 1 // to 594, which is most likely JOVK from Hakodate, Hokkaido, or less likely, JOUG from Yamaguchi. As so often occurs, though, as soon as I type this, there is a cochannel coming up which could very well be Vietnam.

729, 1701-, JOCK, Jan 21. Very good reception besides splatter from Vancouver CHMJ on 730. // to many other NHK 1 outlets.

945, 1737-, JOIQ, Jan 21. Most likely the 5 kW station from Muroran on Hokkaido, although also three others listed between 1 and 3 kW. Good reception except for [Ketchikan AK] 930 KTKN splatter from 930. They easily splash 15 to 20 kHz on each side!

1287, 0655-, JOHR, Jan 17. I initially thought I was listening to SER in Spain, but realized that it was in fact Japan, with Elton John songs. Faded up with Japanese announcements. Hokkaido is just heading towards dusk (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN. 1575, 1708-, AFN, Jan 18. MW conditions were mostly a bust this morning, but I did notice that AFN from Japan was booming in later in the morning especially after 1700 UT. No sign of any cochannel stations. It's only after 9:00 AM local and clearly, the

days are getting longer with sunrise just a few minutes ago at 1655 UT (8:55 AM local). Gravity ID at 1713. I suspect that this AFN station is the Misawa station, but I seem never to hear any local IDs! I listened for over an hour up to 1900, when conditions improved and heard many PSAs for the military, and frequent 'Gravity, the party station' IDs, but never anything local, besides the PSAs (like how to take a train and buy tickets in Japan). At one point between 1800 and 1900, I could definitely hear two co-channel AFN stations, but this lasted perhaps a minute only (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

According to Wikipedia, "Gravity" is the name of an AFN audio stream featuring Urban music.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Forces_Network

(Bruce Portzer, WA, ibid.)

** JAPAN [and non]. 1593, 1530-, NHK 2, Jan 22. Fighting it out with CNR 1, but both quite strong. Either JOTB in Matsue, or JOQB in Nigata, both listed with 10 kW. Just missed the sign-off at 1540 when rechecked, but they dominated the channel, so should be able to hear the sign-off IDs, hopefully from both transmitters. Besides them, and CNR1, there's another station playing music weakly. Not sure who that might be. Suspect either another Chinese station, or perhaps a Filipino.

1602, 1526-, NHK 2, Jan 22. Best reception so far of this frequency with a whole network of flea-powered stations between 0.1 and 1 kW for a total of 28 transmitters. Splatter from the Vancouver [non] Indian station on 1600 (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN. Had another wonderful session this morning with my highlight being the Japanese weather transmissions on 1669! Like shooting fish in a barrel with site after site checking in. Also noted them on 1663.5 which isn't listed in my PAL. All used USB + carrier only. 73, (from Masset, Walt Salmaniw, BC, Jan 22, IRCA via DXLD) Viz.:

1663.5, 1550-, Japanese Harbor Radio, Jan 22. PAL lists a number of coastal weather stations. I've rarely heard these. They are listed on 1665, but this is not correct. They are transmitting in USB + Carrier and I measure them on 1663.499. The two that have power listed are both only 50 watts! The only one listed to have a weather transmission at :45 is Isewan Martis in Tahara, Aichi. I'll listen to the top of the hour for others. I had a chance to review some mp3 files for these transmissions. Instead of :45 as listed in PAL, they in fact came on at :40 with multiple sites, so it's impossible to tell for certain which stations without being a fluent Japanese speaker. They kept going until the end of this mp3 file past :48 minutes. Earlier, I

could only hear a single station before :30, and continuing until :36 (with Sayonara).

1663.5, 1601-, Nagoya Harbor Radar and Tokyo Martis, Jan 22. I'm hearing both at the TOH. Gave weak CW ID, and then into voice forecast. Sound like the same Japanese female computer generated voice. Weaker than the 1545 transmission, but much stronger by 1603. Interesting indeed! (See 1669).

1669, 1606-, Coastal weather stations, Jan 22. A much more challenging frequency due to the X-bander on 1670. Brief Japanese weather reports noted. Listed as Toi, Miyakazi prefecture at 6:30 to 8:30 minutes, but actually finished by 8:00. Listed as 50 Watts. The format is identical. Something is repeated 3 times. Sounds like 'Hopte, Hopte, Hopte' and then the location. Some are quite strong. For instance, Hachijo-jima, Izo Islands is strongly heard, coming on exactly at 19:50 to 20:50. Ends with location and Sayonara Here is a link: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/xolbu6p1xjce6v5/Japan%201669%20Todoga%20saki%20Iwate%2016h28m10s%2050w%20wx%20forecast%2022Jan2015%20Masset.mp3?dl=0> (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN [and non]. 6110, 1655-, Shiokaze, Jan 17. Shiokaze heard here now at very good level, with weak co-channel jamming, Holy Tibet, and VOIRI all weakly heard (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5910, Jan 22 at 1359, Shiokaze is still here and still in English on Thursday; after pause, 1400 YL restarting show with callsign JSR, Tokyo, Sea Breeze, piano music; fair signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5910, 1332-, Shiokaze, Jan 24. Excellent reception in listed Korean with their usual sign-on procedure. Largely ineffectual pulsating tone jammer (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6135, Jan 26 at 1407, Shiokaze has finally made a frequency jump to one of its alternates after several weeks on clear 5910. YL Japanese ID soon after tune-in, piano music, fair signal atop SAH, which means they stupidly have moved onto a frequency already occupied: by Voice of Freedom, clandestine from S to N Korea, and just as likely to be jammed as 5910 was. Believe this is the first day for the new frequency. At least it will be off after 1430 when Madagascar and/or Yemen may appear (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6135, Shiokaze/Sea Breeze via Yamata, 1403, Jan 26. Change of frequency; ex: 5910 (which had heavy N. Korea jamming today, so it will take them a few days to notice the change). Shiokaze picked a terrible place to move to, as another clandestine (Voice of Freedom) is already here, along with the often heard white noise jamming; in Japanese (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See KOREA NORTH [non]: VoF

** JAPAN. 9595, Jan 23 at 0413, R. Nikkei is already propagating, good signal with conversation in Japanese. That's 1+ pm JST (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN. 9625, NHK World R Japan, 1/6, 1000. S/on, news. Not heard well here in recent weeks, VG this morning (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, outdoor and indoor random wire, Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 13650, NHK World - R Japan, 1/11, 2340 in (listed) Burmese, but in awful collision with Cuba relay of CRI (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, outdoor and indoor random wire, Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KASHMIR [non]. 7265, PAKISTAN, Azad Kashmir R. (via Islamabad) (presumed), 1224 decent signal here and maybe music at 1225 but difficult to determine. If so, modulation was extremely low. Sounded like a M singing at 1228, then the hams started. (21 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. 801, 1728-, Pyongyang Bangsong, Jan 20. Very interesting to watch the presumed carrier from North Korea (see my screen capture). Highly variable carrier, wandering all around and drifting constantly! Snip capture attached (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. 2850, Jan 27 at 1319, very poor signal in Korean; so KCBS is making it, while no TP carriers are, inside the MWBC band. 3480 clandestine is stronger to poor level (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

2850, KCBS, 1/22, 1200. Somber M in Korean, VG signal. More than double the signal level observed on 1/20.

3250, Voice of Korea 1/22, 1215. W in Japanese. Fair signal, but strange ute signal cycling on and off over transmission. Signal was a sort of grinding sound, lasting 10 seconds, then one second off, alternately.

3320, P'yongyang BS, 1/25, 1230, Symphonic music, followed by male chorus and patriotic songs. Tremendous signal (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, outdoor and indoor random wire, Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 6135, 1436-, Voice of Freedom, Jan 19. Quite good reception today, with audible North Korean noise jammer in Korean. YL and OM announcers, and frequent modern vocals. Jammer (low rumble) more of a nuisance rather than being very effective. Much better than when I checked on the weekend. Much better towards and after 1500. Very strong (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6135, Voice of Freedom (clandestine), 1307, Jan 23. Another weekday with no "Hao Hao English" language lesson; white noise jamming had just ended, leaving only pulsating jamming; in Korean; almost fair. Audio
<https://app.box.com/s/xfxptk14qbuq466r4rp6ungsi8rwsnid>
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6135.01, CLANDESTINE, V. of Freedom. Noticed all the Korean clandestines were free of jamming. Just strains of music at 1131. Much too weak. Found a pulsing ute here at 1147 check. A little more music at 1151 but no stronger. 1153 sounded like a W then M briefly. Nice to hear anything other than the jammer here. Jammer came back on at exactly 1155:00. (24 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6135, Voice of Freedom (clandestine). Jan 25 found off the air; 1240 empty frequency with no white noise jamming and no VOF. Did hear 6015 (KBS Hanminjok Bangsong 1) with good reception due to absence of the usual white noise jamming. In the 1230-1400 time frame, I am finding many occasions with no jamming. Very nice! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. Shiokaze moved to 6135 too: see JAPAN this issue

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 6348, CLANDESTINE, Echo of Hope. 1140 Korean discussion by M and W program hosts. Some brief singing by the M announcer at 1142 and at 1143. // 6003. 6341 ute QRM. (24 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 11570, CLANDESTINE, North Korea Reform R. (tentative). Very weak signal here with music at 1332 then talk by M at 1333 when 11580 had reduced splash QRM. Only audible in LSB because of the QRM. (22 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH. 558, 1616-, HLQH, KBS 2, Jan 21. Strong reception with Korean EZL vocal. // to 603 (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH. 1467, 1700-, HLKN, Jan 20. Immediately noticed a bubble jammer, and had to think who this could be. It seemed to stop over the TOH, but as soon as they started to speak again, it began again. This is HLKN, a KBS 1 channel in South Korea, and heard // to 711 (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH. 1566, 1901-, HLAZ, Jan 18. As so often is the case, the MW came back to a prolonged TP session, with HLAZ signing off their Russian program, and into Korean at excellent level. AFN 1575, still audible, but weak. Here is the link of what it sounds like in Masset:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/xk7heufbvg1g8vj/South%20Korea%201566%20HLAZ%20Radio%20Teos%20s%20on%2018h30%20Masset.mp3?dl=0>

1566, 1903-, HLAZ, Jan 18. FEBC's powerful station in South Korea is a regular, long after everything else has faded. I left the recorder going past 1900 to see how long it would continue. Reception was still very good past 2020, and finally faded out about 2045 UT, which corresponds to 12:45 PM local!

[and non]. 1566, 1609-, HLAZ, Jan 20. I have looked into this frequency at length this morning. Yesterday, I assumed that they were not transmitting for a time, but I am mistaken. I saw that Nick and Bruce 1000 km to the south from me were hearing them yesterday. Looking carefully, I am sure that they are there, but with a poor signal. I measure three transmitters: The strongest is on 1566.003, which is likely HLAZ. Then, there's 1565.032 which is likely Hubei RGD, and finally, there was a transmitter on 1565.999 which left the air at 1618. Not sure they could be. In either case, perhaps the power has been reduced, or the antenna system changed from past years. I surely do not recall any 'down time' with HLAZ in the past!

1566, 1830-, HLAZ, Jan 20. More information on HLAZ. I'm starting to believe strongly that HLAZ is not on before 1830. I was monitoring my 'zoom' function on the Perseus and noted no carrier from HLAZ before 1830. Even a very weak carrier should be visible.

I did see someone on 1566.004. At 1829:20 a strong OC suddenly came on at 1566.001 and then drifted ever so slightly higher over the next 10 or 20 seconds. At 1830, HLAZ ID'd in Russian and also gave the Radio Teos ID. My take on this, therefore, is that HLAZ is off air before 1830, and not on in Chinese as listed. They are on the air earlier in the morning, so I am unsure when they sign-off before this transmission (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH. 6095, KBS World, 0958 usual soft IS, then opening ID announcement in Japanese by W. Blasted by 6090 Anguilla until it went off at 1000. (23 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6095, 1317-, KBS World Radio, Jan 24. Like an old friend. English broadcast with modern Korean music feature. Excellent S9 + 10 reception. Too bad they don't broadcast at hours more conducive to North American listeners (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH. 8636 / CW mode, H L W, 1/23, 1550. "HLW" calling CQ CQ CQ (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, outdoor and indoor random wire, Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN [non]. 9400, MOLDOVA (listed [PRIDNESTROVYE]), Radyoya Denge Kurdistane, 1/12, 1430. Middle eastern music. VG. Refs show Moldova, but I'm going with other DXers suggesting a transmitter site from the Philippines (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, outdoor and indoor random wire, Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Who says Philippines???? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** KURDISTAN [non]. 9400, Jan 22 at 1425, Denge Kurdistane, another nice concert from the PKK terrorists for Turkey via PRIDNESTROVYE: solo flutish to frenzied strumming, yelling in unison, 1430 solo singing; fair signal, much more than 9395 Global 24.

9400, Jan 26 at 1428, Denge Kurdistane with Kurdish music concert, but seems with CCI? Normally it's clear after 1400. Then I decide it's ACI from 9395 WRMI Global 24 since they are playing music with some hi-pitched chimes, rather like HSK9 would on 9390, but not heard now; see USA (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

eQSL Received from Clandestine RADYOYA DENGE KURDISTAN

Hi Guys: Just received an eQSL in the mailbox for the following:

9400, Radoyoya Denge Kurdistan CLANDESTINE STATION to Kurdistan and Iraq, via Pridnestrovsky Radiotelecentr in MOLDOVA. FULL DATA QSL Sheet received in 3 Days for an emailed report to prtc@idknet.com

Signed by Chief of Station, but signature is unreadable. QSL Sheet pictures the Antenna Farm at the station (Robert S. Ross, London, Ontario CANADA, Jan 26, ODXA yg via DXLD)

Which antenna farm? Uses more than one site; or just generic (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** KUWAIT. R. Kuwait, Arabic General Sce, instead of English Jan 24: 1800-2100 15540 KBD 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu // 6050, videos 20-21 UT <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/radio-kuwait-in-arabic-instead-of.html> -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Kuwait in Arabic General Sce, instead of English to WeEu 2027 on 15540 Sulaibiyah
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BnfVNBdaCeg&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Kuwait in Arabic General Sce, instead of English to WeEu 2042 on 15540 Sulaibiyah
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B-N9azwKxs8&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Kuwait in Arabic General Sce, instead of English to WeEu 2058 on 15540 Sulaibiyah
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ehQ5ZxquCe8&feature=youtu.be>
73! Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

21540, Jan 25 at 1426, R. Kuwait good with Qur'an, much better here than any ME on 16m, such as 17615 Sa'udi (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. World Christian Broadcasting as of Friday, November 14, 2014 had all the necessary signed papers to begin broadcasting from Madagascar to the rest of the world! We are so confident that we will be broadcasting from Madagascar during 2015, that we have released our transmitters from Dallas to Houston to be shipped to Madagascar. Our staff in Madagascar has done a great job in preparing the station site. Our Programming staff in Franklin, Tennessee, is working hard to assure that we will have programming ready to fill up the broadcast days from Madagascar. To ship the transmitters to Madagascar, to fill the tanks with diesel fuel, and to provide other start-up costs, the cost will be approximately \$250,000 (Andy Baker, World Christian Broadcasting, via Rich D'Angelo, Listeners Notebook, January NASWA

Journal via DXLD)

** MALAYSIA?? 6049.99, Asyik FM or Salam FM?? Found HCJB was off at 1142 and there were two signals here; 6049.990 and 6050.004. M and W talk barely audible, probably from 6049.99 as it was the stronger. Music with canned announcement at 1200, and a few more. No time ticks noted so maybe not CNR. Blasted out by 6045 CNR1 jammer at 1201. (21 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALI. CHINA (non), China Radio International with strong signal, good modulation
1400-1557 17630 BK0 100 kW / 085 deg CeAf English, videos on Jan 23:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/china-radio-international-via-bamako.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

January 23: CRI in English to CeAf with strong signal and good modulation 1545 on 17630 Bamako
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WPs-coeYYhM&feature=youtu.be>
73! Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The ChiCom used to run EAST TURKISTAN on 17630 at the same time, but now in HFCC B-14 only Mali is registered. Aimed eastward across Africa from Mali, hard to hear in North America (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DXLD)

** MARSHALL ISLANDS. Radio Marshalls (V7AB) stream offline

Re DXLD 12-50 --- The third-party website Rimajol.Com which used to stream the Marshall Islands government broadcaster Radio Marshalls (V7AB) is now offline and the domain up for sale. As far as I'm aware, the stream isn't available elsewhere on the web or on satellite, so once again 1098 kHz mediumwave and 97.9 MHz FM (and possibly cable, if you're local) are the only means of hearing the station (David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, Jan 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Quick check of regular sunrise-skip XEs, Jan 22 at 1340-1345 in case some are lost to the FM transition: definitely still 650 XETNT with 6:40 TC and ``agenda de hoy``; 730 XEHB with joint ID for 107.1 FM; presumed 870 XETAR with announcements in Spanish; and 710 XEDP, Spanish not off-frequency (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 540, Jan 23 at 0623, XETX, Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chihuahua,

with ID soon after tune-in (since they do so at every break, it seems), as ``La Ranchera de PaquimÉ!``, ``ahora en FM, 540 AM y 90.5 FM``. Actually I copied only the point-5, but Cant' says 90.5. We'll sure miss this station which with only 1 kW day power will be required to turn off its AM. Despite nominal nite power of only 250 watts, it continues to be the dominant signal on 540, not the alleged 150,000-watt ND XEWA in San Luis Potosí (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 550, Jan 23 at 0624, rock music in Spanish, time check as ``11 y 23`` which is close enough to UT -7, and loops NE/SW, which means it has to be XEPL, as in Cant' [NOT Aoki as I first miswrote]: 550 XEPL La Super Estación + FM 91.3 Cd. Cuauhtémoc, Chih. 5,000 150 150 watts? Come on; it's the usual Mexican heard here. (Well, there is another 150-watter in Nayarit, also UT -7.) BTW, per NRC AM Log, believe it or not, there are zero USA SS stations on 550 (except PR) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 730, Jan 25 at 0612, novelty song in Spanish, almost nonsense words, then SHVA with ``Qué Buena, 107.1 FM, 730 AM`` which means it's still XEHB, Hidalgo del Parral, Chihuahua, 50/1 kW. Guess which? It's dominating everything else on the frequency including the Metroplex Korean, and allegedly 100 kW XEX (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 760, Jan 23 at 0340, having struck out on the off-frequency Dominican [q.v.], no signal on 762.74, since WJR is already being almost fully nulled, I pay attention to the weak SS on 760. Harp and romantic YL vocal music, so that makes me dream of Venezuela, fat chance (some static crashes, too; spring is nigh). Immediately rule out Cuba by not // Progreso on 4765.

I keep checking this past 0400 alternating with 830 [see USA]. Can't catch an ID at 0400, but into talk mentioning Paseo de la Reforma, which is a strong indicator of a Mexican, even from Ciudad de México itself. News headlines by YL leading with Saudi king death, hi-pitched sounders between items, about 6 notes. (I should try webcast for those.) 0404 outro news, something about Informa, back to music. There are eight XEs here, the greatest of which is XEABC, 70/10 kW adjacent to the DF from Los Reyes de la Paz, Estado de México, Radio ABC, format VARIety per IRCA.

760, Jan 24 at 0348, amid music, announcement as ``ABC`` and PSA for Tribunal Electoral del Estado de México, both of which clinch the inhabitant of the WJR null from here as XEABC. Elections are coming up in México, so expect a lot more of these, national and state-specific (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 980, Jan 24 at 0403, amid the QRM, make out ID as ``9-80, a través de Nueva Rosita, 11 grados``, norteña music, which per WRTH is 5/0.5 kW from Nueva Rosita, Coahuila, slogan ``La que gusta m·s`` which I am yet to hear. IRCA makes it ``La que le gusta m·s``, and says frequency varies -2 kHz --- certainly no such variation noticed here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1570, Jan 27 at 0608 UT, XERF is playing what must be the state song, after the national anthem. I keep trying to hear Coahuila mentioned in the lyrics, but do not. Yet it's frequently repeated per: <http://parrascoah.mx.tripod.com/himnocoahuilense.htm>
0610 on to full ID for AM and FM (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 6185, 0453-, Radio Educación, Jan 21. This may not be a big catch for most listeners, but for us in the Pacific NW, it's not easy. Tonight, reception is quite good, and in the clear. About an S6 to S7 signal with fades. Nice traditional sounding Mexican music. Still going past 0515, but with deep fades. Gone when rechecked after 0613 (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1/27/2015: 6185, XEPPM, DF, MEXICO, Mexico City, Radio Educación; 1630z light classical piano music, 1625z plenty of PSA's, woman in Spanish with announcements, then at 1640z baroque string quartet music. Fair signal but not much above the noise level, slow-medium fades, heard all day in Harlingen TEXAS. 73's de (Steve/AB5GP Wiseblood, Kchibo KK-D6110, random wire antenna, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Steve, normal Educación close S/Off at 0500 UT; see also Educación on 1060 kHz. Most always good here in Belgium; see my video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U03wHyvRL5g>
73, (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, ABDX via DXLD)

No, it's 0600v* in standard time. I have long suspected it's on in the daytime, sometimes JBA carrier off-frequency detectable, but I never hear it in my morning monitoring sessions as late as 1500 (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DXLD)

Maurits: Yes, no doubt, 6185 XEPPM does sign off around 0600z. However, they must sign on between 1200z and 1400z as they are heard daytimes here in the Rio Grande Valley. I am about 450 air miles from Mexico City. I will keep a watchful eye out for them starting at 1200z (Steven Wiseblood, Harlingen Texas, ABDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DXLD)

** MEXICO. DTV TRANSITION UPDATES from Raymie's Mexico Beat:

Infraestructura UPDATE!

707 TVs (analog shutoffs not reflected) and 380 TDTs listed. That's 24 new stations, and a significant proportion of them are SIMULTANEOUS OPERATION stations! Asterisks indicate we knew of some stations.

Ags +1: XHCGA-TDT 26, 150 kW [State]

BC +2: XHEBC-TDT 26, 38 kW: XHS-TDT 23 (S), 38 kW [Televisa Ensenada]

Camp +1: XHCCA-TDT 30, 10 kW [State]

Chih +2: XHMH-TDT 30, 25 kW, XHOCH-TDT 15 (S), 23 kW [one Parral Televisa local, one Ojinaga Televisa]

Coah +2: XHRDC-TDT 23 (S), 42 kW, XHAMC-TDT 34 (S), 50 kW [Televisa]

Mich +1:XHAPN-TDT 25, 47 kW [Televisa]

Oax +4: XHBN-TDT 29*, 97 kW, XHBO-TDT 32, 102.929 kW, XHOXO-TDT 34*, 97 kW, XHPAO-TDT 21, 76 kW [all Televisa, first three in Oaxaca]

Sin +3: XHMAF-TDT 28*, 118 kW, XHOW-TDT* 25, 118 kW, XHSIM-TDT 21, 218.510 kW [Televisa Mazatlán, IPN Los Mochis]

Son +4: XHCDO-TDT 45*, 130 kW, XHGST-TDT 20*, 46 kW, XHHES-TDT 23 (S), 100 kW, XHHMS-TDT 29 (S), 100 kW [Televisa all of them, and XHGUY is missing.]

Tamps +4: XHCMU-TDT 22 (S), 27 kW, XHCVI-TDT 26* (S), 80 kW, XHUT-TDT 36*, 80 kW, XHGO-TDT 42*, 80 kW [Televisa: Cd. Mante, Cd. Victoria x2, Tampico]

There are signs of additional digital stations that could be on in Apatzingán, Cd. Mante, Tehuantepec/Palma Sola and in northern Mexico. (S) stations will usually broadcast in digital overnight (Raymie Humbert, AZ, Jan 22, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

And to finish your Thursday, commercial digital television is a reality in Hermosillo, from Azteca! XHHSS-TDT 30 (should be 4.x, currently 30.x) and XHHO-TDT 24 (10.x) were turned on today.

Fun fact: In January a transmitter has been turned on in almost every major city for a good stretch of Mexico Federal Highway 15, which leads from the border at Nogales: Hermosillo. Guaymas. Cd. Obregón. Los Mochis. Culiacán. Mazatlán. Tepic. Only once it turns inland, toward Guadalajara, does the streak end (Raymie, Jan 23, ibid.)

Trying to wrap your head about just how good Mexican DTV has gotten in recent months? I've prepared a map showing every new transmitter sign on (by station group) in Mexico since December 1. [Map:]

<http://forums.wtfda.org/showthread.php?9113-OPMA-is-changing&p=32887#post32887>

That's 13* Aztecas, 8 Televisas and three SPRs.

*15, 23 January 2015

Last edited by Raymie; 01-23-2015 at 10:16 PM. Reason: update map to reflect Azteca Chihuahua and Cd. Obreg n

And I had to have to update that map before it gets sent out: Azteca FINALLY built out in Chihuahua! Three stations, RF 21-22-23, are on the air now. They join RF 24 and 26 from Televisa.

Three stations are missing: XHAUC-9 (which has an authorization for 32), XHCHI-20 (IPN, apparently the state bought the analog transmitters and I almost suspect a flash-cut) and XHABC-28 (a station possibly at risk of disappearing).

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And I have to update it AGAIN! XHBK-TDT 35 (10.x) is on in Cd. Obreg n. XHCSO-TDT 33 (6.x) which I forgot is also on but it's running a power a little low for most of the forum respondents.
Last edited by Raymie; 01-24-2015 at 01:08 PM (Raymie, Jan 23-24, ibid.)

I posted the new authorizations to the TV forum, and the most surprised people were those in Campeche.

People thought the Campeche state network, TRC, was on the verge of extinction. They own three permits, but they never built the Cd. del Carmen and Esc rcega ones. The one station on air is 10 kW XHCCA-4 in Campeche, which shocked everyone by showing up with digital authorization (XHCCA-TDT 30) this week (Raymie, Jan 25, ibid.)

How are Guadalajara's two local public stations doing? El Informador has the story.
<http://www.informador.com.mx/economia/2015/572706/6/televisoras-publicas-se-declaran-preparadas-para-el-apagon-analogico.htm>

Highlights:

-XHUDG-44 (TDT 46) was the last analog TV station ever built in Mexico but was built with hybrid facilities to prepare for digital. They produce about 70% of their local programming in HD right now and will soon be launching a subchannel with exciting Universidad de Guadalajara academic material   lectures, seminars, symposiums and the like.

-XHGJG-7 (TDT 25, 25.x) has two subchannels on the air and has plans to expand to four (as reported before here). The state legislature and judicial channels, the ones not on air yet, will

actually be produced by those parties.

Meanwhile, they're worried about TVs being put up for sale and pawned;
http://www.milenio.com/politica/Piden-blindar-evitar-empeno-televisores-apagon-analogico-logotipo-aparatos-venta-robo_0_452354779.html

The same article indicates that the TV distribution in Cd. Juarez got going this Friday. Given that all of the stations there are in digital, it's highly likely that northern Chihuahua's analog shutoff comes early (Raymie, Jan 26, *ibid.*)

For those who love their Gulf tropo, big news today as Azteca finally turned on its HD transmitters in Tampico. They are XHTAU-TDT 21 (2.x) and XHWT-TDT 29 (12.x). Tampico also approaches 100% territory with the main problem the permanent sign-on of XHFW-TDT 26.

Important note: XHTAU-TDT doesn't have the Azteca Noreste programming on digital yet. Quite a few of the new transmitters are currently set up with just national programming. Last edited by Raymie; 01-27-2015 at 05:10 PM (Raymie, Jan 27, *ibid.*)

The INE (what used to be the IFE) told the SCT today
<http://www.redpolitica.mx/node/38905>
that it needed to desist from putting the "Mover México" logo and slogan of Peña Nieto's government on materials for the distribution of TVs. Quite obviously there are political implications of that slogan in use here; with upcoming elections the INE feared it would be too much of an advantage for the PRI (Raymie, Jan 29, *ibid.*)

** MICRONESIA. 4755.564, 0625-, PMA The Cross, Jan 21. Already hearing them with weak audio (inspirational instrumental music) at before 10:30 PM local time in Masset. Shaping up to be a very good SW evening, with lowish A and K indices, for a change. Once again, my AOR 7030+ recovers audio before my Perseus is able to hear anything. On late this morning, as still going strong with S6 to S7 signal strength at 1420 UT (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4755.56, The Cross R. 1207 found this was on late after usual 1200 sign off with regular religious music, then M in English at 1211 with spiritual religious talk. W announcer at 1214 and then religious pop music sounding like Kenny Loggins. 1217 short religious feature on change, then back to music. Went off in mid-song at 1222:33. Getting better to s/off. (21 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONTSERRAT. Volta da TEP em São Paulo SP | Amigos, depois de 1 mês sem sinal do Caribe, voltei a receber ontem à noite. Agora a única frequência possível na cidade de São Paulo é 95.5 MHz; nessa frequência no momento não tem Radio Pirata, só a Antena 1 FM 95.5 MHz de Piracicaba mas o sinal estava fraco e com a antena direcional consegui separar da caribenha ZJB Montserrat. Fiz 2 vídeos dessa abertura Transequatorial:

ZJB - Radio Montserrat - 95.5 Mhz - Montserrat - Caribe - Parte 1

ZJB - Radio Montserrat - 95.5 Mhz - Montserrat - Caribe - Parte 2

A abertura foi entre 21:50 e 00:00 horário de Brasília (verão) ou entre 2350 e 0200 UT. 73% (Fran Jr, São Paulo SP, Sony XDR-F1HD, Antena Interna Yagi 6 elementos, Jan 28, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** MYANMAR. 5985, 1544-, Myanma Radio, Jan 17. Strong enough in English, but an unfortunate choice of frequency being sandwiched in between 5980 (CRI Xian in Japanese) and 5990 (CRI Huhhot in Russian). On top of that, modulation is not very punchy. Too bad, as I'd love to hear them more clearly!

[and non]. 5985, 1510-, Myanmar Radio, Jan 20. Very nice opening this morning to Burma with the splatter from adjacent channels very manageable. Went into their English service at 1530 and past 1600. At 1600, though, CRI in Swahili came in much stronger. No IS or anything, just 'CRI Swahili'. Burma was still very easily heard under CRI with oldies EZL American music. At least they are easy to follow when CRI has speech, rather than music.

7185.741, 1453-, Myanma Radio, Jan 20. Very strong reception. Thanks to Ron Howard for pointing the frequency change. Measuring a little lower than he found. Very nice local music coming up to their sign-off time. Phone ringing and talking to callers. Sounds a lot like Indonesian stations of old. Leaves Radio Omdurman in the clear at fair level on 7200 at the same time. Off when rechecked at 1500 (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6165, 1446-, Tiazin Radio, Jan 22. Good reception today, but every time I check, it's just EZL music. No announcement at 1430, so just fill music? (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR/BURMA. 7185.76 (thanks to Wolfy for exact frequency!), Myanmar Radio, ex: 7200.1. Now heard daily; normally signing on about 1346 (January 21 at 1346:32), with sign off varying about 1500. Typical audio at <https://app.box.com/s/suo88ek9molev63k3d7wv1mo886t0kjj> .

Jan 23 had some problems; 1341 with audio; after 1342 just open

carrier; OC still at 1356, but by 1427 audio back on with fair reception (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi all, 24.01.2015, 0019 UT, 7185.75 A3E, BC-Station, music BW approx 6-7 kHz. 73, Peter HB9CET, INTRUDERALERT mailing list via Wolfgang B, schel, DXLD) Ja, um 0135z wieder Rangoon Yegu auf 7185.759 kHz. 73 (Wolfgang, Stuttgart, DF5SX, ibid.)

** MYANMAR. BURMA, 5985, 1530-, Myanmar Radio, Jan 25. Quite a nice signal this morning with Burmese ending and English beginning after a brief IS. Unfortunately, the YL announcer has a thick accent which makes it very difficult to follow. She did announce the frequencies (MW and SW) and meter bands, then into news. 49 meters is very crowded this time in the morning. A lot of splatter from CRI Xi'an in Japanese, so USB is best used. News until 1536, then into a mention of national solidarity. As is so often the case, the music (all western) is very punchy with great modulation, compared to the announcers.

Ron Howard is correct. No sign of the old transmitter on 5985.3. This transmitter measures only about 3 Hz low. A very nice S8 to S9 signal. Reception improved throughout the broadcast. Tennessee Waltz at 1558, but now cochannel an OC from CRI coming on in Swahili at 1600 (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. 6029.993, Thazin R. Signal on at 2323, way over CNR1 which was audible the same time. Tone started almost immediately. 2330 usual opening routine. Best heard yet at 2330 s/on. (16 Jan)

9730, Myanmar R. Finally back up to normal today with signal going off at the end of their song at 1130. (22 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NAVASSA. 24/01/2015: The KP1-5 Project and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service have been working together on preparations for our joint 14 day visit to Navassa Island (NA-098, USi OI009S, WW Loc. FK28LJ) National Wildlife Refuge (WWFF KFF-131). Although the actual dates may still vary, it now appears they will begin transport to the island during the last week of January 2015. Also, it is official...the call sign will be K1N. An excellent team of fifteen operators who will be manning eight stations 24 hours/day, dedicated to giving out as many contacts as possible over the two week period. Team members are: George AA7JV, Ralph K0IR, Bob K4UEE, John K6MM, Craig K9CT, Tomi KT4TTT/HA7RY, Lou N2TU, George N4GRN, Mike N6MZ, Mike NA5U, Jeff NM1Y, Glenn W0GJ, John W2GD, Gregg W6IZT and Jerry WB9Z. This activation

will also count for the Navassa Island Lighthouse (ARLHS NAV-001, Admiralty J5362). Further information, frequencies, QSL info and more can be found on their website at:

<http://www.navassadx.com/>

[KF2TI] (I.C.P.O. Bulletin (23-30 January 2015) "Islands, Castles & Portable Operations", via editor Dave Raycroft, ODXA yg via DXLD)

KP1 - "Within two weeks the K1N Navassa DXpedition should be QRV with up to 7-8 stations", the K1N team reorted on 17 January. "Our exact departure date will be decided at the last moment by USFWS and weather windows. We hope to have a basic camp established by the end of the first day and if things go extremely well, we hope to have several stations on the air by nightfall on the second day. Helicopter deployment will continue for a total of three days before the camp is fully established".

Look for K1N on "the usual" DX frequencies, listening up, but in some cases, down, for certain parts of the world's band plan. Listen carefully to the instructions of the DXpedition operator. At least one station will be on 20 metres 24 hours/day. 160m and 12m will be CW only, and 10m will be SSB only. Other bands will alternate CW and SSB. At least one station will always be on RTTY. The pilots will be N200 (Chief Pilot), V51B (Africa), JA1ELY (Asia, Zone 25), EY8MM (Central Asia, Zones 17-19, 21-24 and 26), MM0NDX (Europe), K2SG (North America), ZL2AL (Oceania), HK1R (South America) and KF5NYQ (Youth Pilot). They will collect reports and suggestions from the various target areas (each pilot's contact information is listed on the DXpedition's website: click on 'Our Team'). The worldwide feedback will be prioritized, summarized and forwarded to the team on Navassa. Pilots will not have access to the logs, so do not ask about busted calls, log entries, etc. Logs will be uploaded several times daily to Club Log. QSL via N200, direct or bureau (OQRS on Club Log), and LoTW ("sooner rather than later"). Read the complete Press Release on <http://www.navassadx.com>

the next one will be when the landing operations commence. After that, daily progress and pictures will be posted on the website. Follow K1N on Twitter (@navassa2015) and check out their Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/2015Navassa>

K1N & DQRM ---> "Deliberate QRM has been a major hindrance on both ends of the pileups in recent years and is worsening. There is a tab on our website <http://www.navassadx.com> where you can help us identify QRMing stations. This tab will not be active until the DXpedition comes on the air. By entering the data requested, and if enough data is entered, even with crude or rough beam headings, a 'heat map' can be produced with mathematical analysis of the data. This was covertly tested during the recent FT4TA Tromelin DXpedition and even with limited data input, several deliberate QRMing stations could be

identified within a very small area! Again, the more data that is provided the more accurate the 'heat' can be put on offending stations. If we do experience QRM, we have planned tactics to minimize the malicious interference. Hint: listen, listen and listen more for us... we might try to 'wiggle' out of it! We will also try hard to keep our splits narrow as possible to avoid annoying non-DXers who have been known to 'bother' a pileup" (both: 425 DX News 24 Jan via Dave Raycroft, ODXA yg via DXLD)

K1N NAVASSA DXPEDITION NEWS. It was reported on

<<http://www.navassadx.com>>

on January 22nd, "Three team members sailed for Navassa aboard 'Electra' very early this morning. George AA7JV, Tomi HA7RY, Mike N6MZ and crew made it across the Gulf Stream and are safely in the Bahamas for the night. It's ON! -- The 'going by boat' team left Miami Beach at 0330 EST. They crossed the Gulf Stream and arrived at Chub Cay in the Bahamas around 3:30p local." There were pictures provided at: <http://69.89.25.185/~trexsoft/t-rexsoftware.com/k1n/photos-underway.htm>

ADDED NOTE: Take a look at 108 interesting photos of Navassa Island during a helicopter fly over, sailing around, hiking and scuba diving between 1998-1999 at: <http://coastal.er.usgs.gov/navassa>

(The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin No. 1199, January 26, 2015, Editor Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW, Provided by BARF80.ORG (Cleveland, Ohio), via Dave Raycroft, ODXA yg via DXLD)

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Electra is anchored on the south side of Great Inagua, 170 nautical miles north of Navassa. The weather is slowly deteriorating with winds at 15 knots (at 09:00 AM). Winds are expected to increase during the next three days to 25 - 30 knots. We will move today to find a more comfortable anchorage ahead of the stronger winds.

The forecast for the period of Jan 30 - Feb 03 is not favorable. Winds in the Windward Passage (between Cuba and Haiti) are forecast to start blowing from the north-east at 20 knots on the 30th, increasing to 25 to 30 knots on the 31st. Winds will remain strong in the passage until Feb 02. Around Navassa, winds are likely to be lighter, around 15 knots, the afternoon of Jan 31 and on Feb 01. (It appears that Navassa is somewhat in the wind shadow of the mountains of Haiti.) Feb 02 - 03 are forecast to have very light winds around Navassa, but a strong swell will start building up from the south-east, reaching 2.5 meters by Feb 03. Because of the swells, we are likely to have only Feb 01 and 02 to unload gear and supplies. Our current plan is the following:

We plan to sail from Great Inagua the afternoon of Jan 30 in a north-easterly 20 knot weather. Winds will be mostly blowing from the aft

quarter, which, we hope, will make the conditions tolerable. We will skirt the western tip of Haiti and hope to stay in the lee of the island during the night of the 30th and most of the 31st, when winds will be reaching 30 knots in the Windward Passage. We will then approach Navassa from the north east and review the conditions at the island. Hopefully, Lulu bay will be tenable and we will be able to spend the night there. We plan to start off-loading the afternoon of Jan 31 and during the day on Feb 01 (DXpedition website via gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. MADAGASCAR [?], 13700, 0138-0200, Radio Netherlands, Jan 17. Tuned into 7570 at 0100 only to hear Brother Stair at super loud strength. Nothing heard on 11790, while 13700 was a Radio Netherlands historic program, presumably from Madagascar at S7 level in Masset. No special announcements noted from the last 20 minutes monitored there. Sure brought back many happy memories from Hilversum! (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7570, WRMI with Brother Scare doing his usual schtick and into a WRMI ID in English and Spanish at 0059, then R Netherlands IS & carillon into a 'special' retrospective show with the usual schtick of silly continuity stuff ("Radio Netherlands, putting the WHY into Wireless" etc.) from the 1980s & 90s into a show recorded in 1961 when RN moved from their old makeshift studios to new digs designed just for them. Several familiar voices from the early 70s when I started listening, but they never really EXPLAINED what they were doing! Fun, but could have been better with a bit of an intro. Another WRMI English ID at 0159 into Brother Scare in mid-sentence waxing on. 4+54+4+4, 0055-0200 18/Jan (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet Jan 23 via DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND. Flashback: The Titahi Bay radio mast for 2YA in Wellington, then the tallest structure in New Zealand. One error, the mast isn't 80 years old, it was replaced in the 1980s (Paul, New Zealand, mwmasts yg via DXLD) Viz.:

Stuff.co.nz - Flashback: Titahi Bay radio mast mast-er of the airwaves
<<http://www.stuff.co.nz/entertainment/65395746/Flashback-Titahi-Bay-radio-mast-mast-er-of-the-airwaves>>

Around New Zealand they waited, ready, on stand-by (dxdialog yg via Paul, mwmasts yg via DXLD)

Titahi Bay was also site of the original 7.5 kW RNZI on SW (gh, DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND. 13840, RNZI 1/11, 1120. Rock program, W presenter, Good (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, outdoor and indoor random wire, Slinky, dxldyg

via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA [non]. January 19: WRMI new relay Hamada Radio International in Hausa to WeAf 0555 on 11580 Okeechobee
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mnjqh8qtz-Q&feature=youtu.be>
73! Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11580, Jan 23 at 0535, very poor signal from WRMI as usual at this time on this frequency, but fades in enough to make out that it's non-BS and even non-English, mentioning ``Hamada``. So as Ivo Ivanov previously reported Jan 19, WRMI itself is carrying this Hausa service instead of renting time from MBR; the SW relay back to Nigeria comes and goes every few months. Previously as in Aoki B-13 it was M-F only, 0530-0600 due south from Germany on 7350; so maybe 11580 is back to BS on Sat & Sun. BTW, Hamada is also a Japanese MW transmitter site. I don't find any mention of Hamada Radio International in the WRTH 2015 under Nigeria domestic, Nigeria international, nor Nigeria target broadcasts.

Still nothing about this on the WRMI website list of programs nor the WRMI transmission schedule grid, tho it has now been updated as of ``February 24, 2015`` --- oops! I wonder what else may have changed; nothing immediately obvious. 11580 is presumably still on a 44 degree antenna toward Europe instead of 87 degrees, much better for Africa (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Brother Stair on Jan 26, instead of Hamada Radio International Jan 19: 0530-0600 11580 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg WeEu English Brother Stair Jan 26 0530-0600 11580 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg WeEu Hausa Hamada R.Inter. Jan 19 <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/brother-stair-on-jan26-instead-of.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

11580, Tue Jan 27 at 0556 check, WRMI is VG tonight and back to BS, singing, instead of Hamada Radio International relay as heard last week, so I ask Jeff White: ``Hi Jeff, Could you please explain what's going on with Hamada Radio International. Last week we were hearing it at 0530-0600 UT on 11580, but last night it's back to TOM. I can't find anything about this on your website. A test? If not on WRMI, is it going to be active again via MBR, and if so when and where? Glenn``

And he replies Jan 27: ``Hamada was a test on WRMI for one week. It's on from Media Broadcast [Nauen, GERMANY] 0530-0600 on 7350 and 1930-2000 on 11865. The 1930 bc is Mon-Fri; 0530 is 7 days a week. Jeff``

Jeff, Tnx, however, the two broadcasts you mention are not in current B-14 skeds from HFCC, Aoki or EiBi, so are you sure they are currently active? Or maybe just restarted, if so, when? They were listed in A-14. I've yet to check either by monitoring. And Jeff re-replies:

``Yes they are active. Just recently activated, started January 19.
Jeff`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hamada Radio International was back on shortwave via MBR
0530-0600 7350 NAU 100 kW / 180 deg to WeAf Hausa Daily from Jan 19
1930-2000 11865 NAU 100 kW / 180 deg to WeAf Hausa Mo-Fr from Jan 19
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/hamada-radio-international-was-back-on.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan 28, dxldyg via DXLD)

Like we said already, yesterday, as above (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. YHWH busted: now we know for sure it was in the U S
A, q.v.

** NORTH AMERICA. Old Radio Program Pirate: 6770/AM, 2219-2233+, 18-
Jan; Out of mystery program at 2227 into big band tune; 2231 intro to
Tales of the Texas Rangers with Joel McCrea & promo for NBC Xmas
special. Fair peaks, best in SSB.
6770/AM, 2309-2316+, 19-Jan; Tune-in to Camel cigarette ad into vocal-
- Modernaires? 2311 into Alan Young Show without intro. Best in USB.
6770/AM, 2244, 20-Jan; The Great Gildersleeve. SI0=352+ (Frodge-MI)
6770/AM, 2318, 22-Jan; Alan Young Show. Fair (Frodge-MI)
(Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft.
RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in
real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6770, PIRATE, 'Old Time R.' Back on again with old time radio/TV
programs at 1335 check. Good signal. (22 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo,
PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta
Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common
words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. PIRATE, 6940, 0446-, Jan 18. Got home from a
function to note that there was just one station audible on the Pirate
band. Fair reception only, with a possible ID and thanks to stations
relaying their broadcast. Computer generated voice (YL). Audibility
slightly better with my AOR 7030+ than the Perseus. Went off the air
at 0454 UT (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. PIRATE USA [sic]. 6975, 0221-, X FM, Jan 17, S4
signal, in the clear, with IDs, and announcing AM Stereo. Very clean
signal, but no way to tell whether they truly were in AM Stereo or not
on my Perseus. A bit better reception on the 7030+ up here. Another
pirate in AM on measured 6925.369, but too weak to ID at present. And
a Spanish ?fisherman on 6940 in USB with a 2 way conversation at good

level. Mentioned Peru, I think (Walt Salmani, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORWAY. 153, 0201-, NRK, Jan 23. First time I've had a decent Euro opening, using my due north Beverage of about 550' extending and terminating into the ocean. My other 2 antennae are noisy in the LW region (NW BOG and ALA 100 oriented NE/SW). Easily followed, so I'd rate this an 8/10. Into music at 0203:30 (Walt Salmani, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORWAY. DAB+ in cars - English subtitles --- Soon, all national radio in Norway will be transmitted by DAB+-technology. This infoclip from the Norwegian Media Authority puts a humorous spin on the oncoming switch.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1ynelGQDww>

Mike (Posted by: Mike Terry, Jan 22, dxldyg via DXLD)

I do wonder though, why the text in the car radio display was in Swedish -- From the world's northernmost DX-er (Bjarne Mjelde, Arctic Norway, <http://kongsfjord.no> <http://arcticdx.blogspot.com> dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 930, Jan 25 at 1328 UT, WKY OKC, El Indomable is still defaulting to English Sunday mornings for a pubaffs interview show at 1300 UT which is often over well before 1330 UT. Also remember that WKY doesn't hesitate to mix in English commercials when necessary (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 960, Jan 24 at 1344-1400 UT, KGWA Enid in open carrier/dead air, missing IIRC the Cowboy show, the whole hour? And audiblizing others when nulled, definitely KMA: See U S A. KGWA mod cuts back on at 1400 UT for Fox ``news``, so it's a negative Fox-hole (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1120, Jan 26 at 1557-1600+ UT on caradio, KEOR Catoosa/Sperry/Tulsa, is *still* open carrier/dead air. Also at another check 2138 UT. And still OC/DA by 2011 UT Jan 27. Is the management so out of it, they don't even know they are burning kW for nothing over a few days now? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1210, Jan 23 at 1338 UT, KGYN Guymon with ``Mid America Network`` news, about water problems in Wichita, events at SWOSU Weatherford OK and OSU Stillwater. (Weatherford is hardly further than OKC from here, but on much less direct roads, and we keep intending to visit SWOSU sometime.)

The NRC AM Log, which has thorough coverage of regional networks and groups, does not include the Mid America Network. It seems the Mid

America News Network is a subset of Mid America Ag Network of Steckline Communications:

<http://www.midamericaagnetwork.com/>

I suppose HQ is in Wichita, but no physical contact address.

Besides KGYN as a prominent affiliate, others on the homepage are:

KIUL 1240 & 1310 Garden City KS [?? No 1310 there: see next]

KYUL 1310 Scott City KS

KGGS 1340 Garden City KS

KGSO 1410 Wichita KS

KQAM 1480 Wichita KS

KGBL 100.9 ---- where's that? Lakin/Garden City, 100 kW

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. 1520, KOKC off the air again! Jan 23 at 0426 UT. Maybe these nighttime absences mean they are really working on getting back up to 50 kW on proper westward night pattern, instead of 12.5 kW ND STA. Instead, KOLM MN cheater is in the clear, see USA; and once again in its null some weak Mexican music is audible, which I would dearly like to ID before KOKC is back in whack; see UNIDENTIFIED. KOKC is certainly back on at 1740 UT check (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. 1650, Jan 27 at 1330 UT, ``ABC Sports Radio update``; why do we need this when we have various ESPNs? 1333 UT, joining Radio Oklahoma Network for ag news, but first an ad for a bank in Sallisaw and Fort Smith [AR], so it's KYHN. Some SS CCI presumably El Paso.

1650, Jan 28 at 0100 UT, CBS News from KYHN, but checking 1120 KMOX, not //, 0104 UT KMOX already back to local while KYHN has another minute of national news (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. There's an FM translator tower on the eastern edge of populated Enid at 2906 E Randolph, Regier Antenna Service, next to residences, so is this address also zoned commercial? {How about that, a residence with a radio station in the back yard?} It is right across the street from the Enid campus of NW Oklahoma State University (HQ: Alva) which has no interest in broadcasting, unfortunately.

Photos from two separate daytime visits; at night, no tower lights.

Address overviews:

<http://www.w4uvh.net/K253BC-1.jpg>

<http://www.w4uvh.net/K253BC-4.jpg>

Closeups of mailbox, name and address:

<http://www.w4uvh.net/K253BC-2.jpg>

<http://www.w4uvh.net/K253BC-5.jpg>

Antenna with 3 elements at top, other receiving antennas below:

<http://www.w4uvh.net/K253BC-3.jpg>
<http://www.w4uvh.net/K253BC-9.jpg>
Closeup, top of antenna:
<http://www.w4uvh.net/K253BC-8.jpg>
Closeup, top to middle of antenna:
<http://www.w4uvh.net/K253BC-6.jpg>
Closeup, middle of antenna:
<http://www.w4uvh.net/K253BC-7.jpg>

It's the 98.5 unit, K253BC, which relays 88.7 KLVV out of Ponca City. But which is now redundant, as KLVV established a stronger non-translator relay on 90.5, at Goltry west of Enid, KGVV. Its coverage area encompasses all but the eastern non-populated coverage area of K253BC. Furthermore, in most of Enid the original 88.7 KLVV is audible directly. What a pity K253BC isn't put to better use, such as bringing public radio service to Enid for the first time from KGOU, KUCO, even KOSU which is somewhat marginal and we could use a local-quality signal; KCCU Lawton or even KMUW Wichita, KWGS/KWTU Tulsa. But none of them are interested.

Here's the FCC info, many of the entries blank, and does not show what station it is really relaying:

K253BC OK ENID USA

Licensee: PAUL W. & PATSY REGIER

Service Designation: FX Translator Station (retransmits signal, different channel than main station)

Channel/Class: 253D Frequency: 98.5 MHz Licensed

File No.: BLFT-20141024ABQ Facility ID number: 51936

CDBS Application ID No.: 1655855

36 23' 54.00" N Latitude

97 50' 14.40" W Longitude (NAD 27)

Polarization: Horizontal Vertical

Effective Radiated Power (ERP): 0.25 0.25 kW ERP

Antenna Height Above Average Terrain: 0. 0. meters HAAT --

Antenna Height Above Mean Sea Level: 399. 399. meters AMSL

Antenna Height Above Ground Level: 27. 27. meters AGL

Non-Directional Antenna ID No.: 117705 Pattern Rotation: 0.00

Map: Service Contour on Google map (60 dBu)

(Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 105.5, Jan 26 at 2112 UT, one of my wildest dreams has come true. The local Enid translator is off the air!

This allows OU's public radio station on 105.7, KROU Spencer OK to be audible inside Enid, at least on the caradio; some picket-fencing, but usable, now during the BBC news hour.

On 105.5 itself there is now a weak signal from Stillwater, at 2141 UT Jan 26 ID as ``Cowboy Country 105.5``. That's KGFY with 4.2 kW ERP. It has ACI from 105.3 KINB Kingfisher; hard to believe it's only 930 watts.

105.5 in North Enid is, or was: K288FX, 250 watt translator of Educational Media Foundation, a national gospel-huxter front. Tho COL is North Enid (why??), site is Broadway Tower in downtown plain old Enid, along with several other FM relays, and KXOK RF 31 & 32 [q.v.]. 105.5 antenna height AGL is allegedly 60 meters. It's still off at 1615 and 2011 UT chex Jan 27; may it ever be. WTFDA database says 105.5 was relaying 88.9 OKC KYLV, K-Love. BTW, the Broadway Tower is looking more and more like a white elephant, besides an antenna platform: it's still not open as an hotel to replace an office building. So I notify KGOU about this (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

105.7 clear into Enid --- Hi Karen, I'm glad to report that the 105.5 translator in Enid has been off the air today, allowing KROU to be audible as we drove around inside Enid (on the car radio at least). Some picket-fencing, but usable during the 3 pm BBC news.

I would hope that you finally followed thru and filed an objection to its existence with the FCC, but maybe it just broke down? Instead there is a weak signal from the 105.5 Stillwater, not enough to bother KROU here. Alva 105.7 remains deleted. We are of course apprehensive that one or both of them may come back and that will be the end of KROU radio getting into Enid. 88.1 Woodward is sometimes audible on the western outskirts, but not reliably and always with Moore to contend with. In case this is news to you, I hope you can do something to make it permanent. Regards, (Glenn Hauser, Enid, Jan 26, to Karen Holp, KGOU, via DXLD)

As I wrote KGOU HQ station, have you finally complained to the FCC about this mere translator interfering with KROU, to get rid of it, or is it just a breakdown and may come back? Afternoon of Jan 27, this reply comes from KGOU/KROU:

``Hi Glenn, Good to hear from you; I hope you are doing well. Sorry to say that the 105.5 FM translator may just be down for repairs or something. Their license is still good -- the Educational Media Foundation.

As for 105.7 FM from Alva -- I looked it up. Seems an owner from California has obtained a construction permit for the frequency, and he has until this coming June to get it built and on the air. KRDR-FM will be the name. It will operate at 50 kW, should get into North Enid just fine. Sigh.

We don't have a leg to stand on at the FCC with regard to the 105.5 FM translator. KROU is not supposed to get there in the first place so we can't argue that it cuts KROU off. Sorry to be the bearer of bad news. My best to you! (Karen Holp | General Manager, KGOU Radio | Chair, StateImpact Oklahoma/The Oklahoma Public Media Exchange | The University of Oklahoma Outreach | Copeland Hall, Room 300, Norman, OK 73019` (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

105.5, Jan 28 at 0122 UT, K288FX North Enid is back on the air, shux, and // weaker 88.9 KYLV OKC. So much for temporary access to 105.7 KROU Spencer/OKC, public radio from the University of Oklahoma. Unshux: next day, from 1522 UT and all day and evening Jan 28-29, K288FX is off again and KROU is in again.

Manipulating a portable antenna, I am hearing two weak stations on 105.5, besides KGFY Stillwater, perhaps KWCO-FM, 3.3 kW in Chickasha [attn non-Okies: pronounced CHICK-uh-SHAY] (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** OKLAHOMA. KWTV'S HISTORIC BROADCAST TOWER NEARLY DISMANTLED**
By Steve Shaw, News 9, Jan 24 [with 2+ minute audio/video]
<http://www.news9.com/story/27929034/kwtvs-historic-broadcast-tower-nearly-dismantled>

OKLAHOMA CITY - An important era in Oklahoma history moved closer to its end. The Griffin Tower, that transmitted News 9's signal across Oklahoma since the mid-1950's will be fully dismantled by this time next month.

7/28/2014 Related Story: End of An Era: KWTV To Take Down Historic Broadcast Tower

The News 9 tower, at one time, was the tallest man-made structure in the world. At nearly 1,600 feet, it was 300 feet taller than the Empire State Building. However, the tower hasn't transmitted anything for about five years, because of the digital conversion.

Griffin Communications' Tony Welch spearheaded the tower demolition project. iWe have not received any calls asking us not to take it down,i he said. iBut more inquiries of what's going on over there.i

The massive amount of metal that made up the tower will be recycled. A Dallas company has been taking down the tower since early October (via Dennis Gibson, ABDX via DXLD)

**** OKLAHOMA.** Altho the PSIP of 48.1, on RF 29 KTUZ, is still KUOK-CD, the full-screen ID on this Estrella TV outlet is KOCY 48.1 Oklahoma

City. KOCY was the original analog call of the LPTV on RF 48, which is no longer needed, or is it still on the air anyway, DTV or not? I haven't been able to trace it, but required some tropo enhancement.

This is all very confusing. FCC TV Query shows KUOK-CD is on RF 36 in OKC with 7.3 kW. It previously was the tail wagging the dog of the real KUOK in far-off Woodward, RF 35, now listed with only 8 kW. KOCY-LP is still listed on RF 48 thrice: licensed for 18.1 kW, CP for LD as 15 kW, and application for TX (analog) with 13.5 kW; IIRC from two or three different sites last I checked.

Anyhow, whatever it's call-ed in OKC, Estrella TV is well worth watching at least as wallpaper: silly game/variety shows with lots of probably augmented girls prancing around in bikinis, mini-skirts or short-shorts & halters/bustiers; often aside fat or very short guys for contrast. E.g. 'Don Cheto' at 1600 UT Jan 22. I find it is frequently necessary to switch between Squeezed or not for proper proportions; why? When viewing curvy girls you certainly don't want them slimmed.

BTW, KOCY was the original 1340 in OKC, once a hot rocker, long gone, Later applied to 1560 from 2003 to 2010y (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Check of KXOK-LD, Jan 27 at 2115 UT: NO signal on main RF channel 31. But RF 32 is active, as 31-1 with TVOK PSIP black and silent; 31-2 with color bars, silence, and M - FOX PSIP. But nothing on 31-3 which was formerly color bars labeled Azteca. Or rather there is a 'bad' weaker signal on 31-3 which does not decode. How could that be any different from 31-2?

RF32 transmitter is the intercity relay WQOS306, which is hardly needed, since there is no programming! Would you believe that online skeds still continue to imagine KXOK is with Retro TV, gone for more than a year? (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Earthquake felt here with wobbling of computer screen, UT Jan 24 at 0223:40. USGS registered it as mag 3.6, 14 km WSW of Enid, 5.4 km deep, at 0223:24Z --- so it took 16 seconds to reach here, or margin of error? Sorry, OT but I keep track of signif quakes here. I'm sure it was mentioned on the radio and TV too.

Earthquake shook WOR HQ computer screen and chair, Jan 27 at 1558:55 UT. USGS says it was 4.0, 19 km S of Medford (i.e. toward Enid), 3.0 km deep at 1558:40. As usual, several seconds earlier. If the times ever match, I suppose it will be a direct hit (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15140, 1443-, Radio Sultanate of Oman, Jan 18. I wasn't expecting to hear Oman at this early hour in Masset, but there it was a fair level. English news noted at 1435. Best heard with my over the pole north directed mini-Beverage terminated into the ocean aimed due north. Simon and Garfunkel at 1448 (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15140, R. Sultanate of Oman - Thumrayt. At 1418 in English - traffic report with "heavy traffic on the Beach Road" and weather report of heavy rain washing out some roads! WOW! So it DOES rain in the desert!! Then into Linkin Park and other pop/rock bands. News at 1430. Relaying Muscat 94.4 FM, and IDs as this. Great signal and good listening on Jan 19 (Rob Wagner, Vic, MEDXR blog Jan 23 via DXLD)

Muscat has both a 94.4 and 90.4 FM, but WRTH says 94.4 is the General Arabic program, and 90.4 is the English. I think the way the announcers pronounce ``90.4`` comes out sounding like 94.4 ---- maybe 90-4, or 90 point 4 sounds like ninety four four. Then too, the announcers could be confused about which frequency is which (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11650, Radio Sultanate of Oman at 2246 in Arabic with local vocals then a woman with possible news headlines at 2248 with Middle Eastern music bridges and definite mentions of iOmanî - Very Good Jan 20 (Marc Coady, ON, ODXA YRX via DXLD) Starts at 2200, until 0200? (gh, DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3260, NBC Madang. 1208 end of island song, then immediately into another song starting with drum-like march and M vocal, then suddenly off at 1210:33. (17 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3260.000, R Madang, S=9+10Db; 3274.996, R South Highlands; 3385.0, R East New Britain, Rabaul. 1200 UT Jan 24 (Wolfgang B, schel, Jan 24, Quick log (like more ski down hill competition Kitzbuhel Austria in TV), probably via SDR in Sydney, Australia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3385, NBC ENB, 1145 choral song. 1150 reggae song at recheck. 1152 W in Tok Pisin followed by English ads, then W returned at 1154. Mention of "...broadcast for tonight...", and thought heard mention of the NBC. Music at 1157 to 1202 usual NBC ToH signature and M with news including soundbites. Readable signal but the ute here was just devastating. (21 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3905, 1343-, NBC New Ireland, Jan 24. On with western music at fair/good level, so pretty non-descript. Off at 1345. Last few minutes had cochannel QRM from hams. Several announcements, but no mention of PNG that I could hear, just light banter (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3905, Jan 27 at 1323, JBA carrier detectable vs LSB hams, presumably Kavieng still on; had just checked 90m and found none (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Religious station Wantok Radio Light is now available on a live audio stream from their website at <http://wantokradio.org>
Most programming is Christian "inspirational" but they also relay the news in English from government broadcaster NBC at certain times - according to the site's programme guide full bulletins at 0200, 0900, 2100 UT; in brief at 0800, 2000 UT daily. The 0900 bulletin was observed today [23 Jan 2014], although it didn't actually appear until 0903. The station broadcasts 24/7 on 93.9 & 105.9 MHz FM. The website and publicity material also cite 7325 kHz shortwave, however nothing was traced there by me today (via Australia-based remotes) nor have I seen it any definite report of Wantok on shortwave for several months at least (David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi David, Jan 23, quick check of 7324.96 (Wantok Radio Light) during their clear window (1400-1430), at 1403 & 1413, but found no hint of WRL. Frequency was totally clear of any QRM and recently other PNG stations have been well heard, so suspect WRL is not broadcasting on SW. Believe they have been silent on SW since early August 2014 (Ron Howard, California, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks Ron, the most recent DXLD report of 7325 kHz was in edition 14-49, however that was a 'presumed'. The only frequency I heard mentioned on air today was 105.9 MHz (David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, ibid.)

7325, Wantok Radio Light (presumed) 1/23, 1415. M and W in dialogue that clearly was English, or with English sounding words (Pidgin). (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, outdoor and indoor random wire, Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Jan 24, I did more serious random listening on 7325, after CRI 1357*. Again heard nothing at all; no open carrier of any kind;

clear frequency and fairly quiet conditions, BUT propagation was not that great for some stations. China propagation was good down on 4990, but Myanmar on 7185.76 was very poor (unusual for them to be that poor!). Still, if WRL were broadcasting, I would have expected some sign of a carrier around 7324.96. Will check again tomorrow (Ron Howard, California, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[non log]. 7324.96, Wantok Radio Light. Jan 25. During recent checks made during the clear window of opportunity from 1357 till about 1425, have not been able to raise even an open carrier from WRL during this quiet period (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 920, RADIO UNO. 27/01 0530 UT. Identificaci n como ila Voz de Am rica  emitiendo el programa "Buenos d as Am rica" del sistema VOA SAT. A las 0538 UT se da una ID: iRadio Uno: el sonido de la patria, 93.7 . A las 0545 se dan tel fonos que pertenecen a Tacna, Per  y que permiten comunicarse con la emisora. SINPO: 45434 con leve fading, pero constante (Claudio Galaz, RX: GOLON RX-221UAR, ANT: Telescopica, QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Regi n, Chile, Condiglista yg via DXLD)

** PERU. 4955, R. CULTURAL AMAUTA. 23/01 2301 UT. Avisos, en quechua, de un banco de Ayacucho, de una cooperativa agraria y de la casa de la Biblia. SINPO: 45343 (Rx: Akita R-462 AR (Anal gico); Ant: Telesc pica; QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Regi n, Chile). (Claudio Galaz, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** PERU. 4985.5, R. Voz Cristiana. Long preaching by W in Spanish from 2344 to 2353. Into nice religious Huayno. Canned promo/ID by M at 2357:25. More canned announcements with loud prolonged yelling in one. 0000 fanfare and possible program intro by M and W, then into soft religious vocal by W, and plug pulled at 0001:24. // to the website which was about 10 seconds behind. Surprised to find this on and readable. (16-17 Jan)

4985.5, R. Voz Cristiana. Found on the air earlier today at 1051 with soft-spoken M DJ, pleasant campo song, M returned in presumed Quechua with mention of radio, then later TC and into ad/promo block with 2 promo/IDs at 1059:50 and 1100:10. Next one mentioned Jun n and Huancayo. Possible ID at 1103:30, and another at 1104 mentioned radio. Finally back to OA campo music at 1105. Best signal yet this season. (17 Jan)

No sign of 4985.5 R. Voz Cristiana the last few days. (22 Jan)

4985.5, R. Voz Cristiana. Found it was on today at 1114 check. (24 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh

expanding abbr'd common words for WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 5980, R. CHASKI, 24/01 2318 UT. Himnos cristianos e ID de Red Radio Integridad desde Lima, Per' y aviso de Radio Chaski como parte de la red. Y la adquisici n del software RTM 360 de R. Transmundial. SINPO: 45333. (Rx: Golon RX-221UAR; ANT: Telesc pica; QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Regi n, Chile) (Claudio Galaz, condiglista yg via DXLD)

[non]. 5980, Jan 28 at 0048, JBA carrier, maybe two of them. Have not checked for Chaski cutoff since January 21 when it happened at 0107:23*. So it should be approx. 0108:18 now after a week. But remonitoring continuously from 0107, no cutoff now until 0109:23.5* so that does not fit --- then it comes back on about a second later! and still on at 0111, so this time I suspect it is the other station, BBC via UAE which merely had a brief transmitter outage; so Chaski either reset to earlier closing, or not on at all or not propagating (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 6173.87, R. Tawantinsuyo (presumed). No doubt the one here all alone at 0034 with M announcer barely audible. Too weak to ID but in there. (17 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. UNID, 774, 1723-, Jan 21. Very nice reception with an American vocal. Obviously not JOUB, as they signed off almost 2 hours ago. Faded down at the end of the song. There are a number of Filipino stations listed, so I'll need to review the Perseus wav files for an ID. Splatter 1 kHz above from KNOM, Nome pounding in. Of course, this could also be Australia, but no sign of DU activity, so I don't think this is the case (Walt Salmani, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Walt, Your unID Philippino on 774 would be DWWW, 73 (Tony VK2IC Magon, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. 15355, R Veritas Asia, 1/11, 2315. M and W in Tagalog. Trumpets and ID by W in English to close midway thru sked announcement. Good (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, outdoor and indoor random wire, Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. 17820, 0215-, Radyo Pilipinas, Jan 23. Very good reception on this channel in English. I can hear the other two frequencies, but at weaker strength: 15640 and 17700. 'We are Radyo Pilipinas, the voice of the Philippines'. Many IDs noted (Walt Salmani, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

** ROMANIA. 9780, 1757-, unid, Jan 21. No one is listed at this time for DRM. I am able to decode 'English', but that's about it. I see that RNZI and Moscow are listed in DRM. I'm skeptical about Russia, with its cutbacks. I'm hedging my bets on Romania as the most likely station here (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [non]. N.B. henceforth items about CRIMEA will be filed separately under C; no shortwave active there. See above in this ish

** RUSSIA. PUTIN'S PROPAGANDA INDUSTRY TIGHTENS ITS BELT

Dear Glenn and Ydun, I send you an article about the state of the Russian media. Maybe this is an off-topic to radio but this explains better the dire situation of its media landscape and it explains better the former and future cuts int Russia including radio. The article is a little bit long, sorry for that. Hopefully you and your readers will find it interesting. Regards, Tibor Gaal

Now, the article (published on <http://www.bloomberg.com> news portal, opinion section):

Putin's Propaganda Industry Tightens Its Belt
Leonid Bershidsky Jan 23, 2015 9:30 AM EST

"One does not economize on ideology" -- so, according to historian Roy Medvedev, went a favorite saying of Mikhail Suslov, the man responsible for maintaining the purity of Marxism-Leninism in 1970's Soviet Union. While high oil prices held, Russian President Vladimir Putin acted in full accordance with this adage, building an expensive, powerful propaganda machine to bolster support for his policies at home and abroad. Now, however, the Putin ideological apparatus -- both its public and private tentacles -- is suffering ruthless cost cuts. For all its Soviet nostalgia, Putin's Russia is a quasi-capitalist corporation, after all.

Last year, the state news agency, ITAR-TASS went back to its Soviet brand, simply TASS -- once short for "the Soviet Union's Telegraph Agency", now a standalone acronym like BP -- and adopted the proud slogan "We know." Ramzan Kadyrov, the fiercely pro-Putin leader of Chechnya, went so far as to name a mountain peak in the Caucasus after TASS. But yesterday, the agency, which had just two years ago tempted many private media journalists with salaries only an oil monarchy could pay, announced a 25 percent staff cut and a 20 percent salary cut. Those who refuse to take it are offered five times their monthly salaries to quit immediately.

Sergei Mikhailov, the veteran spin doctor who became TASS director general, brusquely explained the cuts by saying the team had failed to achieve "a global breakthrough in terms of both quality and quantity." "We put out, on average, one news item per two employees, it costs no less than 3000 rubles (\$47) to produce, and we have very little exclusive, much-quoted information," the news site Meduza.io quoted Mikhailov's memo on a TASS internal site as saying. "We still follow news trends rather than form them."

TASS is only the latest propaganda outlet to make cuts. The government-owned Rossiyskaya Gazeta, which holds the monopoly on the official publication of new laws and government decrees, is letting go 10 percent of its staff. News Media, the holding company that runs a number of media assets for Putin's close friend Yury Kovalchuk, decided to cut between 15 and 30 percent of its staff, including 15 to 17 percent of the employees of Lifenews, the TV channel that has carried some of the most powerful domestically-targeted propaganda on the Ukraine crisis.

Faced with a steep drop in oil revenues, the Russian government is sequestering the 2015 budget to cut spending by 10 percent. Government-financed media are not exempt from the cut. Last week, they received official word from the finance ministry that their funding will be reduced by 10 percent. This concerns the national TV channels and Russia Today, the entity that runs a Russian-language news agency that competes with TASS, a Russian radio station and an international TV operation under the RT brand.

Six months ago, RT had been promised a 30 percent increase to its 2014 budget so it could start broadcasting in German and French. Now, the 2015 allocation, 15.4 billion rubles (\$240 million), will be cut by 10 percent. RT is still getting more money than last year, but the ruble's sharp devaluation in recent months means that the dollar value of the subsidy has decreased by 46 percent. That's important for RT because it works in foreign markets and hires foreigners. According to RT editor Margarita Simonyan, about 80 percent of the operation's expenses are in foreign currencies. Plans for the German and French versions will probably be scrapped, Simonyan told the daily Vedomosti, at least for this year.

At the same time, the Russian Communications Ministry is setting tougher goals for Russia Today to justify the subsidy. In Russian government programs, future disbursements depend on how the subsidy recipient meets key performance indicators -- see, Russian government managers have been to business school! So a new version of the "Information Society 2011-2020" program, under which Russia Today is funded, requires RT to have an audience of 640 million, up from 630

million in the previous version. If the program is approved, Russia Today will also need to make sure that its work is cited 13,500 times by foreign media, compared with 7500 times planned for 2014.

The problem with these KPI's, of course, is that when foreign media cite RT, they don't use it as a source of information, regardless of the the media platform's goal of "forming an objective image of Russia abroad." Rather, RT quotes are used as samples of Russian propaganda, or sometimes to convey the Kremlin's official views. It appears not to matter to Kremlin ideologues, however: They just want to make sure their point of view is out there.

"The aim of this new propaganda is not to convince or persuade, but to keep the viewer hooked and distracted, passive and paranoid, rather than agitated to action," Peter Pomerantsev and Michael Weiss wrote about Putin's domestic propaganda in their recent paper, "The Menace of Unreality: How the Kremlin Weaponizes Information, Culture and Money."

The creators of the Russian propaganda machine assumed this approach would work for European and U.S. audiences, too. That was too audacious an assumption.

For about 90 percent of Russians, television is the primary source of news (compared with 69 percent of Americans), and when television is state-controlled and every channel projects the Kremlin's views, the effectiveness of propaganda is assured. In the West, RT, with its potential audience of about 600 million, is one of a number of relatively small media outlets. It will never be an effective weapon in the Kremlin's perceived information war unless the audience is bombarded as regularly and thoroughly as it is within Russia.

Even in the fat years, Russia could not afford to inject enough cash into the propaganda machine to have a serious impact in the West. Now, the Kremlin is unwilling to spend much of its dwindling foreign currency reserves on what amounts to a vanity project. As for the domestic theater of the information war, opposing views have been marginalized so effectively in Russia that the propaganda outlets can cope with their job even on a tighter budget, with fewer staff. The journalists who were tempted with above-market pay two or three years ago, and who are now being tossed unceremoniously into the street in the midst of an economic crisis, will now realize they were only needed to help plow over the previous media landscape and establish the government monopoly on information. Now, their job is done, and the Kremlin's generosity is, too.

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(via Tibor Gaal, Hungary, Jan 24, DXLD)

** RUSSIA. 531, 1533-, Avtoradio Sakhalin, Jan 21. Just happened to tune into 531, expecting to hear the usual NHK1 stations, but instead it was in Russian! Very pleased with this catch. NHK1 rapidly rose again to dominate. Avtoradio ID at 1616 without any NHK interference, but only for a few moments, as they came back within 30 seconds. News noted at 1630. Their IDs are canned and are followed by a rapid 3 tone and 'RaaDeeOhh', with emphasis on the 'D'. Almost exclusively lively modern Russian music. Link is here:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/k71iwta75v3nani/Russia%20531%20Avtoradio%20Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk%20exc%20ID%20snip15h00%2023Jan2015%20Masset.mp3?dl=0>

531, 1500-, Avtoradio, Jan 23. Excellent reception with nice ID for Avtoradio, and TC for 18:00 in Moscow, and into news in Russian. No sign of NHK1 at all until 1503. Suspect this is simply a network feed. Nothing local at this time. Back into music after an ad at 1504:30 (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 576, 1500-, Radio Rossii, Jan 21. Very good reception with TC for 18:00 (Moscow time) and into news. Of course the first several news items mention Vladimir Putin. Band scan showing Russia also on 810 (Razdolnoe). The latter, not easy, with 2 cochannels in addition. As dawn breaks in the lower 48, much improved with Russia dominating 810 by 1523. Here is a link to 576:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/9elts76mixkh5tv/Russia%20576%20Radio%20Rossii%20superb%20reception%20to%2015h30%20snip%2021Jan2015%20Masset.mp3?dl=0>

576, 1540-, Radio Rossii, Jan 22. Didn't notice this yesterday, but significant transmitter hum this morning. Otherwise in the clear at good level.

576, 1508-, Radio Rossii, Jan 23. Excellent reception this morning again with news, then weather, with Khabarovsk first, followed by Sevastopol. Nothing local afterwards and into a program about a 1969 sports story. Best ever heard! (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 810, 1506-, Radio Rossii, Jan 22. Another very good TP morning. Russia totally dominates the frequency. News, then sports at 1507 and national weather at 1509. At 1510, I'm noting a Chinese station starting to dominate. Fun to watch how propagation operates! By 1512:30, Rossii is dominant again (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

See lists below: 576 is certainly Khabarovsk, and 810 is Vladivostok,

both now disabled! but 531 is on neither list, not R. Rossii. The only 531 DVR in WRTN 2015 is Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Medium wave --- End of powerful MW broadcasting in Russia. On February 1, disabled:

567 Volgograd
567 Kyzyl
576 Khabarovsk
585 Perm
594 Izhevsk
621 Syktyvkar
621 Makhachkala
639 Omsk
657 Murmansk
693 Ufa
739 Chelyabinsk
765 Petrozavodsk
792 Aleksandrovsk
792 Abakan
810 Vladivostok
846 Elista
855 Penza
873 Moscow
873 Petersburg
873 Samara
873 Kaliningrad
918 Arkhangelsk
945 Rostov
963 Zakamensk
1080 Saransk
1116 Sochi
1134 Vyoshenskaya
1278 Severobaykalsk
1287 Terrible [sic, as in Ivan the? Maybe Strashchniy? --- gh]
1476 Ongudai
1503 Mining [another place name got translated as if common word]
1584 Keys [ditto] (Victor Rutkowski, Ekaterinburg, Russia / "open_dx"
via RusDX 25 Jan via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DXLD)

After February 1, 2015 broadcast on medium wave transmitters will continue 10 RTR. All of them are low-power - from 1 to 15 kW - and enable radio reception in a radius of 50 kilometers, the source says RBC. But what exactly? (Mauno Ritola / "open_dx", ibid.)

Here is what remains after 1 February:

kHz kW Location of Regional inclusion
 711 7 Naryan-Mar, Nenetskiy Autonomny Okrug GTRK "Zapolyarje" /
 "Pomorje"
 738 25 Palana, Kamchatkiy kray GTRK "Kamchatka"
 936 5 Matveevka, Orenburgskaya oblast GTRK "Orenburg"
 1008 1 Tuapse, Krasnodarskiy kray
 1089 5 Tilichiki, Kamchatkiy kray GTRK "Kamchatka"
 1098 5 Nikolsk, Vologodskaya oblast GTRK "Vologda"
 1152 50 Komsomolsk-on-Amur, Khabarovskiy kray GTRK "Dalnevostochnoe"
 1251 1 Urup, Republic of Karachay-Cherkessia GTRK "Karachay-
 Cherkessia"
 1251 7 Cherkessk, Republic of Karachay-Cherkessia GTRK "Karachay-
 Cherkessia"
 1278 5 Bagdarin, Republic of Buryatia GTRK "Buryatskaya"
 1278 25 Barguzin, Republic of Buryatia GTRK "Buryatakaya"
 1350 5 Ust-Kan, Altai Republic GTRK "Gorny Altai"
 1350 5 Ust-Ulagan, Altai Republic GTRK "Gorny Altai"
 1395 5 Buguruslan, Orenburgskaya oblast GTRK "Orenburg"
 1440 5 Kosh-Agach, Altai Republic GTRK "Gorny Altai"
 1440 5 Turochak, Altai Republic GTRK "Gorny Altai"
 1440 5 Ust-Cox, Altai Republic GTRK "Gorny Altai"
 1458 7 ?gva, Permskiy kray GTRK "Perm"
 1485 1 Kamensky, Kamchatkiy kray GTRK "Kamchatka"
 1521 5 Boguchani, Krasnoyarskiy kray GTRK "Krasnoyarsk"
 1584 1 Taksimo, Republic of Buryatia GTRK "Buryatskaya"
 1602 1 Novoilinskiy, Republic of Buryatia GTRK "Buryatskaya"
 1602 1 Ust-Barguzin, Republic of Buryatia GTRK "Buryatskaya"

(Alexander Berezkin, St. Petersburg, Russia / "open_dx" via RusDX 25
 Jan via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DXLD)

So contrary to previous report that max remaining power would be 15
 kW, but mostly plenty pitiful (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Gentlemen: Thanks for your responses to my query about the
 identity of that interval signal I have on one of my old cassette
 recordings of Radio Vilnius broadcasts. I have decided to say that it
 is "believed to be that of Moskovskaya Radio, the Russian Service of
 Radio Moscow." You can hear the full recordings and see the associated
 commentary here:

<http://swling.com/blog/2015/01/shortwave-radio-recordings-radio-vilnius-1990-1991/>
 courtesy of Thomas Witherspoon. Thanks. Kind regards (Richard B.
 Langley, Geodetic Research Laboratory, University of New Brunswick,
 Fredericton, N.B., Canada E3B 5A3 | DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RWANDA. 6055, 0338-, Radio Rwanda, Jan 21. Quite decent reception
 with African high-life music. Somewhat muddy audio, making audibility
 rather difficult. Music is fine, though (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida)

Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RWANDA. Kigali closure rumours? Hi, Does anyone have any information on the closure of DW's last remaining relay station in Kigali, Rwanda? I've read that it will be closed for A15 with all transmissions moved to other sites including Issoudun, Meyerton, Madagascar, Trincomalee and UAE. Thanks (Stephen Cooper, Jan 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There was a plan for the future of DW that was released sometime last year. It was all in German, but if Google Translate was accurate, the report indicated that Kigali would be closed by 2017, but a minimal SW service would continue from other sites. That might be the same thing you read.

With the cuts made for B-14 (which included the elimination of the evening broadcasts in English) as well as further cuts on December 20, it seems Kigali is in its last days; but I would welcome information from someone who knows more.

The 295 degree beam from Kigali to West Africa always worked very well for us in North America. When the station was brand new (late 1960's) I recall the English transmission at 1745 on 17765 would always come booming into Texas, and there were other transmissions that also did quite well --- often better than coming from J,lich (this was several years before Wertachtal went on the air.) After DW ended its North American service in 2003, the WA beams from Kigali were always the best way to hear the station.

Best reception I've had from Kigali in English for B-14 is 15275 at 0700. Other times/frequencies in English poor or unlistenable. (Stephen Luce, Houston, Texas, ibid.)

Will they still carry their service on satellite and the internet? - (Josh, ibid.)

I would think DW is safe for future satellite and internet delivery unless the German government decides to shut it down completely. No indication whatsoever that such a shutdown has ever been contemplated. DW seems determined to expand into new distribution platforms, only using SW if absolutely necessary to reach a particular audience.

Anyone seen any advance DW schedule for A-15? (Stephen Luce, Houston, Texas, ibid.)

** SAAR. GERMANY, 183, 0205-, Europe 1, Jan 23. Poor to fair reception with French talk (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA. SCAN ON 16 METERBAND at 1030-1100 UT includes:
0900-1200 on 17805*RIY 500 kW / 295 deg to NEAf Arabic BSKSA General
Service * open carrier/dead air
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/scan-on-16-meterband-at-1030-1100-utc.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30
m. long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17615, R Riyadh, 1/22, 1550. M with call to prayer. Good (Rick Barton,
El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750,
outdoor and indoor random wire, Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

15435, Jan 23 at 1459, BSKSA in Arabic, poor with flutter. Missed all
the excitement which must have been on BSKSA with the monarchical
transition, and besides, their token English SW broadcast is never
audible here. SA is not on the WOR/Roe Hitlist.

They used to have a 5?-hour English webcast at 16-21, so now I go
hunting for that. Here's where to start:
<http://saudia.sr.sa/en/Home>
Unfortunately, linx such as Schedule, Programs lead to ``no data`` and
Frequencies treats FM as if they are ``shortwave``.

No obvious streaming linx either tho otherwise in Arabic. The Sa'udi
sexion here has several TV and radio services:
<http://www.publicradiofan.com/cgi-bin/statsearch.pl?country=Saudi+Arabia>
But no connexion on the multilingual one
<http://38.96.148.75/SunnahAudio>
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn -- That multilingual stream has been down every time I've
checked for several months at least. I've kept it in my database
because the link was still on one of BSKSA's own pages last I checked,
so I figured that it might at least intermittently work, and providing
the link might be better than having nothing. But as far as I can
tell, that 16-21 UT is not currently available anywhere. Best wishes -
(Kevin A. Kelly, PublicRadioFan.com, Bedford, Massachusetts, USA, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** SERBIA [non]. BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA, 6100, 2211-, Radio Serbia
International, Jan 19. Poor to fair signal in French, although not
100% sure as signal is weak. Best heard on my due north Beverage
antenna (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX
LISTENING DIGEST) Should be in English after 2200. CRI in Chinese and
Pyongyang in Korean also at this time (gh, DXLD)

** SEYCHELLES [non]. January 22: FEBA Radio, Voice of Forgiveness in Arabic to ME 0811 on 15260 Woofferton
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGcRBbU95I8&feature=youtu.be>
73! Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5020, SIBC. 1143 found in the clear with Rebelde off. Decent signal too. M DJ taking a phone call. 1145 personal messages. 1147 short upcoming program notes, and into Reggae island song. 1151 M DJ returned and more messages/greetings. 1155 C&W song. DJ cut the song short, had a few announcements, then usual inspirational program feature at closing. 1200 canned closing English ID announcement by W with frequencies over lively instrumental music, then instrumental NA but off at 1201:28 not long after it started. Nice to hear this in the clear again. Rebelde was back on by 1213 recheck, so am happy they stayed off until SIBC closed down. (17 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 3320, Jan 24 at 0348, Sonder Grense good with pop music, Afrikaans announcements, but nothing on 3345 --- because Channel Africa is M-F only, and as we all know, nothing ever happens on weekends (Glenn Hauser, oK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6155, 0339-, Channel Africa, Jan 21. Good reception in English with this transmission to East Africa, so likely skirting the North Pole on its way to me on the west coast. Very nicely heard (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 7730, USA, RMI / Overcomer, 1/13, 0015. Soft piano music with background mumblers mumbling. VG signalwise (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, outdoor and indoor random wire, Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Brother Stair TOM on 9930 at 1600 UC on Jan 22. Probably via T8WH Angel 3, very strong signal in SDR units in Manila and Sydney -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

Additional broadcast of Brother Stair, probably via T8WH Angel 3: till 1700 on 9930 HBN 100 kW / 318 deg to EaAs English, video on January 22
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/additional-broadcast-of-brother-stair.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, ibid.)

Additional broadcast of Brother Stair via T8WH Angel 3 from Jan 19: 1600-1700 on 9930 HBN 100 kW / 318 deg to EaAs English, videos on Jan

22 & 23

http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/additional-broadcast-of-brother-stair_24.html

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan 24, ibid.)

Additional broadcast of Brother Stair via T8WH Angel 4 (not 3) from
Jan 19:

1600-1700 on 9930 HBN 100 kW / 270 deg to SEAs English, videos on Jan
22 & 23

http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/additional-broadcast-of-brother-stair_24.html

(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

So he changed the azimuth on the second one. If on T8WH, BS also might
be back on WHRI --- but WHR website lists only this hour (Glenn
Hauser, DXLD)

9955, Jan 24 at 0632 tune-by, Brother Scare is enumerating some of his
MW stations on ``all-night``, the first frequency I hear: 1480 ---
that must have been KBXD Dallas, except it went bankrupt and off the
air about 5 weeks ago; doesn't he know? Still on his list, which can
never be taken as accurate, definitive:

<ftp://www.overcomerministry.org/RadioSchedule/AM%20Radio%20Stations.htm>

Also mentions WWVA, WCKY, WNAH 1360 in Nashville, and something in
Syracuse not on the list. Pray, why doesn't God grant His Last Day
Prophet the gift of accuracy? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. 11940, REE. 23/01 2100 UT. Programa 'Españoles en la mar'
acerca del tema de zonas de rescate y avisos de la dirección postal y
electrónica del programa. SINPO: 53453 con QRM de RB2 de Brasil desde
11935. (Rx: Akita R-462 AR (Analógico); Ant: Telescópica; QTH: Barraza
Bajo, IV Región, Chile). (Claudio Galaz, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** SPAIN [non]. GERMANY Radio Mi Amigo in German via Channel 292 on
Saturday, January 24

0700-1100 6070 ROB 010 kW / non-dir to CeEu, videos 07-08UT time slot:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/radio-mi-amigo-in-german-via-channel_24.html

January 24:

Radio Mi Amigo in German via Channel 292 at 0700 on 6070 Rohrbach
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kgnTkGGlpmc&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Mi Amigo in German via Channel 292 at 0720 on 6070 Rohrbach
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fojdvj-Uwm4&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Mi Amigo in German via Channel 292 at 0740 on 6070 Rohrbach

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2SX7R1H0KE&feature=youtu.be>

73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. 9990, Jan 24 at 1357, very poor with S? Asian music, 1400 time signal about 10 seconds late! (and half an hour off in the target). Then sounds like Burmese? No, R. Farda in Persian is listed by HFCC and Aoki at 1300-1430, 250 kW, 315 degrees via Iranawila (also 0830-1300 via Kuwait). What is it about SL and timesignals? Cf. SLBC 11905, always 18-20 seconds late with 0115 UT tri-pips (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA [and non]. 11905, Jan 28 at *0114:10, SLBC's big carrier cuts on atop a very weak one on earlier, presumably CNR Beijing site from 0100 per HFCC, but which does *not* include SLBC here! Many 'CLN' entries for IBB at IRA and various users of TRM, but nothing for SLBC itself on 11905, 11750 or 9720, where WRTH has them also using the Trincomalee site.

WRTH does say the 0115-0130 segment seven days a week is in Bengali, 0130- Hindi, maybe English. Aoki continues to show 0115 Bengali, except Thu & Fri when it's Hindi already, and this is Wednesday. Anyhow, dead air continues past the off-time signal I was expecting to hear well past 0115, until finally at 0119:04 South Asian songs cut on in one language or another. This has a very good signal level, but with trans-polar flutter. Aoki shows half-power, 125 kW at 345 degrees which is pretty good for us (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN. 7200, 0356-, Radio Omdurman, Jan 21. Thanks to Glenn for pointing out this one at this time. Fair reception with Salaam Aleikum heard before the TOH, and then into more Western sounding programming. I should try a bit earlier tomorrow, if possible. Time pips, almost 60 seconds late at 0401, and into presumed news (Walt Salmani, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7200, Radio Omdurman, 0323-0345. kicking signal (343) tonight with Koran until 0330, then OM host, into Arabic-flavored pop music until 0342, then series of announcements by multiple announcers over music. Nice to hear this one again. By the way, the shortwave service streams on the Internet and usually lags to live signal by about 90 seconds. 1/25 (Mike Nikolich - N90VQ - Lake Barrington, IL, Perseus SDR with Wellbrook ALA1530A-2 loop antenna; NRD-515 with Alpha-Delta Sloper antenna, NASWA Flashsheet Jan 25 via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. 11940, Jan 23 at 0410, R. Tamazuj ID in passing, fair with no jamming. This semihour is 250 kW, 320 degrees from MADAGASCAR. Later looked up //s in Aoki: 15550 MAD, and 7315 Vatican; only on the latter two does R. Dabanga follow at 0429-0557, more likely to be tone-jammed.

15555, Jan 26 at 1513, R. Tamazuji in Arabic dialect on new frequency, ex-15550 where it was colliding with WJHR USB only. After three months in the B-14 season, did someone finally notice my complaints about this? FCC? Via VATICAN site, still // 15400 which is much stronger here. 1514 announcement mentions several ``kiloHertz``, probably giving full schedule including this change. Presumably also applies to R. Dabanga at 1530-1627, unchecked, while 15400 is for Tamazuji only until 1527. Aoki already has the 15555 change effective yesterday Jan 25. The two are still listed for 15550 on their morning broadcasts, 0400-0557 via Madagascar when there is no WJHR to avoid.

15555, Jan 27 at 1455, open carrier/dead air from SMG VATICAN, prior to 1459 opening R. Tamazuji. Good signal today and far enough from 15555 WJHR-USB, but even better, very good on // 15400, also SMG.

What accounts for such a disparity? Both are registered 250 kW only 11 degrees apart, 139 and 150 degrees, but radically? different antennas per HFCC, 616 and a 216, respectively 15400 and [ex]-15550. Key shows:
216 AHR(S)4/4/0.5
616 EHR(S)4/4/0.5

So everything's the same except for A and E, which means what?
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Frequency changes of Radio Tamazuji & Radio Dabanga from Jan 22:

Radio Tamazuji

0400-0430 NF 15555 MDC 250 kW / 335 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic, ex 15550
// frequency 7315 SMG 250 kW / 146 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic
// frequency 11940 MDC 250 kW / 320 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic

1500-1530 NF 15555 SMG 200 kW / 150 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic, ex 15550
// frequency 13800 MDC 250 kW / 340 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic
// frequency 15400 SMG 200 kW / 139 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic

Radio Dabanga

0430-0600 NF 15555 MDC 250 kW / 335 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic, ex 15550
// frequency 7315 SMG 200 kW / 146 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic

1530-1600 NF 15555 SMG 200 kW / 150 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic, ex 15550
// frequency 13800 MDC 250 kW / 340 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic

1600-1630 NF 15555 SMG 200 kW / 150 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic, ex 15550
// frequency 13800 SMG 200 kW / 146 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/frequency-changes-of-radio-tamazuji.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, Jan 28, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DXLD)

So also changed to 15555 in the mornings, just to match? (gh, ibid.)

** SWAZILAND. 9500, 1817-, TWR Africa, Jan 20. Excellent reception

noted with S9 + 10 signal in African accented English. Noticed first when tuning to 9505 (Sudan) and hearing a lot of splatter (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWEDEN. Radio Revival Sweden was observed commencing its 1200 UT shortwave test at 1157 UT on 9815 kHz (in AM-compatible usb mode) with announcements in English then Swedish. Reception was poor so didn't quite catch the ID, sounded like "station SVI" initially but heard the phrase "Radio Revival" banded about in the murk. At 1200 went into "Bye Bye Blackbird" and a few minutes later "Everybody's Somebody's Fool", both sung in Swedish. Nothing heard on 6035 kHz. This was monitored via Global Tuners remote receiver in Odenwald, Germany (David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, Jan 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It's regularly on air or a Pirate station issue? Registered already with ITU Geneva/HFCC and Swedish Telecoms teracom.se? wb (Wolfgang B.schel, ibid.)

6035 not heard here but the 31mb frequencies have improved in strength as the afternoon progresses. Only very weak at 1205 on 9815, slightly stronger when switched to 9865 at 1300 and now fair strength on 9875 (1430 UTC), despite suffering some local white noise interference on 31mb here. Scheduled close at 1500 UT. Earlier had good reception via Global Tuners Odenwald (Germany) receiver (Alan Pennington, Caversham, UK, AOR 7030plus, ALA 1530 loop, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

9875, Jan 22 at 1409, JBA carrier with heavy ACI from 9870 and 9880, so maybe it's the Radio Revival, Sala test as publicized during this hour for today; true, nothing else scheduled on 9875, but inadvisable to be only 5 kHz away from India, China and China bigsigs. Before 1400 could not hear even a carrier on 9865 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Test transmission of Radio Revival via Sala, Sweden on January 22:
1200-1300 6035 SAL 005 kW / non dir Eu in AM mode, not audible here
1200-1300 9815 SAL 010 kW / non dir Eu in CUSB mode, very poor here

1300-1400 6035 SAL 005 kW / non dir Eu in AM mode, not audible here
1300-1400 9865 SAL 010 kW / non dir Eu in CUSB mode, good reception

1400-1500 6035 SAL 005 kW / non dir Eu in AM mode, not audible here
1400-1500 9875 SAL 010 kW / non dir Eu in CLSB mode, strong QRMing!

Videos:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/test-transmission-of-radio-revival-on.html>

January 22:

Radio Revival in Swedish and English to Eu 1245 on 9815 CUSB, ex CLSB
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=445k5FB5x_8&feature=youtu.be

Radio Revival in Swedish and English to Eu 1250 on 9815 CUSB, ex CLSB
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ufopl2HkRrw&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Revival in Swedish and English to Eu 1302 on 9865 CUSB, ex CLSB
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ox0rPPlWYCU&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Revival in Swedish and English to Eu 1315 on 9865 CUSB, ex CLSB
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EeKzWV6iYTM&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Revival in Swedish and English to Eu 1335 on 9865 CUSB, ex CLSB
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvK1owWSdzQ&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Revival in Swedish and English to Eu 1354 on 9865 CUSB, ex CLSB
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UpEYCKb25Nc&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Revival in Swedish and English to Eu 1415 on 9875 CLSB
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WU-Te9ykZvw&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Revival in Swedish and English to Eu 1425 on 9875 CLSB
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QXt8NDgDtIU&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Revival in Swedish and English to Eu 1428 on 9875 CLSB
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LuIj2RVExMo&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Revival in Swedish and English to Eu 1458 on 9875 CLSB
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73HvDzbh54g&feature=youtu.be>
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Revival schedule updated again --- via Ronny B Goode on Facebook
this morning - schedule has changed yet again:

Saturday, January 24 2015

1200-1300 UT Radio Wave Europe 9815 kHz 10 kW
1310-1400 UT Hit! with DJ PeeWee 6035 kHz 10 kW
1400-1500 UT Radio Nord Revival 6035 kHz 10 kW
1500-1600 UT Radio City 6035 kHz 10 kW
1600-1700 UT The Ronny B Goode Show 6035 kHz 10 kW

Sunday, January 25 2015

1200-1300 UT Radio Nord Revival 6035 kHz 5 kW, 9865 kHz 10 kW
1300-1500 UT Radio Spaceshuttle 6035 kHz 5 kW, 9865 kHz 10 kW

This is the current schedule; please disregard the previous one.
(Ronny B Goode, Radio Revival Sweden Facebook Group, 1030 UT 24 Jan

via Alan Pennington, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Just returned home and hearing good signal from Radio City (via Sala, Sweden) on 6035 kHz at 1520 tune-in. Best on LSB to avoid slight splatter from Romania on 6040 kHz (Alan Pennington, Caversham, UK, AOR 7030plus, longwire, Jan 24, ibid.)

Transmissions from Sala, Sweden on Saturday, January 24
from 1315 6035 SAL 010 kW / non dir CLSB Unscheduled
1400-1500 6035 SAL 010 kW / non dir CLSB Radio Revival
1500-1600 6035*SAL 010 kW / non dir CLSB Radio City
1600-1700 6035#SAL 010 kW / non dir CLSB Ronny B Goode Show, not 9815
1700-1800 9815 SAL 010 kW / non dir CUSB Hit with DJ Pee Wee, canceled
1800-1900 9815 SAL 010 kW / non dir CUSB Radio Wave Europe, cancelled
* QRM Radio Romania International in Italian and Aromanian on 6040
QRM China Radio International in Russian on 6040
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/transmissions-from-sala-sweden-on.html>

January 24:

Unscheduled broadcast from 1315 to 1400 at 1356 on 6035 CLSB Sala
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75DvbrC2Wt4&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Revival in Swedish to Eu 1402 on 6035 CLSB Sala
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mzx6pBeqBqw&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Revival in Swedish to Eu 1421 on 6035 CLSB Sala
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rliCkCFCHZE&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Revival in Swedish to Eu 1450 on 6035 CLSB Sala
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NAJDivixvp0&feature=youtu.be>

Radio City in German to Eu 1500 on 6035 CLSB Sala
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Alf-4XgnEAM&feature=youtu.be>

Radio City in German to Eu 1526 on 6035 CLSB Sala
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xNGadmKlk-0&feature=youtu.be>

Radio City in German to Eu 1557 on 6035 CLSB Sa;a
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_FQL27XKDF8&feature=youtu.be

Ronny B Goode Show 1607 on 6035 CLSB Sala, insread of 9815 CUSB
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_a26nfcUnTA&feature=youtu.be

Ronny B Goode Show 1630 on 6035 CLSB Sala, insread of 9815 CUSB
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q1DbJFRsdL0&feature=youtu.be>

Ronny B Goode Show 1656 on 6035 CLSB Sala, insread of 9815 CUSB
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0N6MLRY5Ww&feature=youtu.be>

Ronny B Goode Show 1701 on 6035 CLSB Sala, insread of 9815 CUSB
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZLEv0zm1DVs&feature=youtu.be>

Transmissions from Sala, Sweden on Sunday, January 25:
1200-1300 9865 SAL 010 kW / non dir CLSB Radio Revival, not 6035AM
1300-1500 9865 SAL 010 kW / non dir CUSB R. Space Shuttle, not 6035
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/transmissions-from-sala-sweden-on_25.html
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30
m. long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

January 25:
Radio Revival to Eu 1249 on 9865 CLSB Sala, not on 6035 AM
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dgzhf-z4BcY&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Space Shuttle to Eu 1332 on 9865 CUSB Sala, not on 6035 AM
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44b0tedDa3Y&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Space Shuttle to Eu 1345 on 9865 CUSB Sala, not on 6035 AM
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3MRbGMK16Lk&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Space Shuttle to Eu 1402 on 9865 CUSB Sala, not on 6035 AM
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=awX-3tqVlbs&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Space Shuttle to Eu 1456 on 9865 CUSB Sala, not on 6035 AM
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rriWpLQq9Ao&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Revival to Eu 1500 on 9865 CLSB Sala, off at 1503
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5ZoUVKAojg&feature=youtu.be>
73! Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi, we shall have transmission via Radio Revival Swedenm Sala on 6035
kHz 5 kW AM and 9865 kHz 10 kW (usb) today 25.1.2015 at 14-16 UT.

Oldtime favourites 1420-1520 UT (60's music)
and special Finnpop Extra 1530-16 UT
Info of Radio Spaceshuttle 1520-1530 UT

Reports welcome! (Radio Spaceshuttle International, P.O.Box 2702. NL-
6049 ZG Herten, The Netherlands, 1158 UT Jan 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWEDEN. Radio Sweden - H[^]rby and S[^]lvesborg --- Hi Folks! Here's
something that may be of interest to you, if you haven't seen it
before!

A few days ago, I discovered another very interesting documentary
video that gives a look at the Radio Sweden shortwave transmitters at

Hôrby, and the Sôlvesborg AM transmitter. HÂkan Widenstedt, was the Chief Engineer for Radio Sweden when this film was shot in 2006.

What is interesting about this video is the detailed view of the inside of the shortwave and mediumwave transmitters. And it offers some insight into the day-to-day work of an engineer for a large international broadcaster.

The film is in memory of HÂkan, who passed away in 2011. It is 30 minutes long and was filmed and produced by Kelly Lindman. The conversation is in Swedish with English subtitles. Special thanks to Jan Oosterveen for making this available on YouTube for all of us to enjoy.

<http://youtu.be/dx8GI6GzMRO>

A documentary about Hakan Widenstedt chief engineer of the Horby and Solvesborg transmittersites of Radio Sweden
73 All, (Rob Wagner VK3BVW, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** TAIWAN [and non]. 738, 1709-, BEL2, Yuye Guangbo Diantai (Taiwan Area Fishery BC Station), Jan 21. Presumably them over and under KBS1 HLKG in Gyeongsan. Sometimes one dominates, then fades to allow the other to dominate. Both good to very good. Both at 100 kW. I won't swear, though, that the Chinese station is not one of the Mainland Chinese stations (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. Received an acknowledgment from the service station with Taiwan SSB Weather Broadcasting. He took her on 29.12.2012 frequency 5170 kHz. report sent in January 2013, then received a reply that will be sent to my QSL address, but I did and did not receive. A few days ago sent the report again after contact form on their website: <http://www.cwb.gov.tw> The letter also informed that this broadcast service, there are three stations which operate clock frequencies 5170, 8117 and 27500 kHz. These stations broadcast weather reports and cover all maritime space Taiwan (Dmitry Kutuzov, Ryazan, Russia / "deneb-radio-dx" via RusDX 25 Jan via DXLD)

** TAIWAN [non]. Estimado Sr. Hauser, nos acaban de decir en el facebook que una frecuencia de RTI a las 0300 UTC contin'a: "La frecuencia 7730 KHZ se emite desde Miami, esa seguir· vigente." Atte. Ing. Israel Gonz·lez Ahumada, Yucat·n, Jan 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Like we said; nice now that RTI itself says it too (gh, DXLD)

** TAIWAN [and non]. Reception of test frequencies of Radio Taiwan International on Jan 27:
1400-1500 11885 TSH 300 kW / ??? deg CeAs Russian bad choice, weak

// 15180 ISS 500 kW / 060 deg CeAs Russian as usual good
1700-1800 7385 TSH 300 kW / ??? deg EaEu Russian nothing-only Xizang
// 9540 ISS 500 kW / 055 deg to EaEu Russian as usual good
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/reception-of-test-frequencies-of-radio.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, Jan 28, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DXLD)

** TAIWAN [non]. 13810, FRANCE. Radio Taiwan International, Jan 19 at 1559-1631 in English from Issoudun. Positive ID at 1600 sign-on. Excellent signal, no mainland QRM, but sight echo on signal probably from receiving both long and short path propagation. Music, M & F announcers, sculpture exhibition, charitable donation discussion, health oriented game iappi for Galaxy phone, stock market reports, another ID at bottom of hour. // with 6180 (Vince Henley, Anacortes, WA. Tecsun PL-380, JRC NRD-525, Drake R8B. Antennas are half-meter whip on PL-380 and Alpha-Delta DX-Ultra installed broadside east-west, NASWA Flashsheet Jan 25 via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DXLD)

** TAIWAN. 11500, Sound of Hope, 2327, 1/19/15, in Mandarin. Woman then man announcer, 2329 fanfare, ID, series of announcements to original female announcer. (Not // CNR jammers). Fair (Mark Taylor, Madison, Wisconsin, Perseus, WinRadio g313e, Eton e1, Grundig Satellit 800, Sangean 909X, Tecsun PL 660; 40 meters dipole, RF Systems Mk 2, Flextenna, NASWA Flashsheet Jan 25 via DXLD)

** TAJIKISTAN. 7245, 0209-, Voice of Tajik, Jan 23. Good reception tonight with central Asian sounding music. At 0211:30, a YL spoke briefly before returning to the same style music. I thought that it might be // to 4765, but not so. I suppose that this is the international service, while the 60 m channel is domestic (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** THAILAND. 6045, VOA relay heard at 1312 on 1/22/15. talks by a man and woman in Mandarin. Fair-to-good (Bob Brossell, Pewaukee, WI, JRC NRD-545 (Godar DXR-1000 antenna); Eton E1; Sony ICF SW77, NASWA Flashsheet Jan 25 via DXLD)

On what basis do you conclude it was VOA, and not CNR1 jamming which is always there to block it? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** TIBET. 4905, 1608-, Holy Tibet, Jan 17. Excellent reception with thickly accented YL reading economic data. I wonder whether the programming has changed compared to the old programming which was very Tibet-centric. Listening further, it's clear that the talk is about Tibet, and Chinese tourism options for Tibet.

// noted were 6200 (excellent), 4920 (excellent), 6025 (fair/good with lots of splatter), 6110 (poor, way under presumed Shiokaze or similar), listed 6130 (not heard), 6200 fair/good, 7255 (excellent), 7385 (not heard...a very strong station present ? RTI), Checking the next morning (18 January), I find conditions way down Here is the link to a clip:

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/y7pxanrbas0rnzu/](https://www.dropbox.com/s/y7pxanrbas0rnzu/Tibet%204905%20Holy%20Tibet%20%28snip%29PBS%20Xizang%20to%2017h00%2017Jan2015%20Masset.mp3?dl=0)

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(Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET [non]. 11865, Jan 26 at 1507, YL talking, sounds like Thai or Lao, atop some CCI. But Aoki & HFCC show it must be RFA in Tibetan, 500 kW, 75 degrees from UAE.

Altho unlikely related, it's not the first time I have found Tibetan resembling; Aoki says it's the Bod dialect. WRTH does not draw a distinction among the dialects. Or not: EiBi's readme list of languages shows [bod] is merely the abbr. for Tibetan in general, spoken by a megaperson in Tibet, and one tenth that in Indian exile. But other languages/dialects spoken in Tibet are Amdo, Kham. I know I have seen these on some broadcast schedules (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET [non]. Frequency changes of Voice of Tibet:

1200-1215 NF 15543 DB 100 kW / 095 deg to EaAs Chinese, ex 15542

1215-1230 NF 15537 DB 100 kW / 095 deg to EaAs Chinese, ex 15548

1245-1300 NF 15562 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan, ex 15563

1330-1400 NF 7587 DB 100 kW / 095 deg to EaAs Chinese, ex 11692

1400-1430 NF 11518 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan, ex 11517

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/frequency-changes-of-voice-of-tibet.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Updated schedule of Voice of Tibet:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/updated-schedule-of-voice-of-tibet.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan 27, dxldyg via DXLD)

** UGANDA. 4976-, 1658-, UBC Radio Uganda, Jan 23. Tantalizingly close to audio, and measuring slightly low on 4975.969. At the same time, Angola on 4950[-] and Djibouti 4780 are visible as carriers, but not as strong (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE. N.B. henceforth items about CRIMEA will be filed separately under C; no shortwave active there (gh)

** UKRAINE [non]. USA, 11580, 2351-, Radio Ukraine International [sic], Jan 21. Very good reception with English broadcast of RUI. Much better than I can ever hear them in Victoria. Solid S7 to 8 signal, in the clear. With a very low noise floor (about -122 dB in this part of the band), reception is easy. In the city, with a noise floor from S5 to S7, it's difficult to hear. Now checking on 7455 at 0030, it's even better at S9 + 10, but with RTTY interference. More of a nuisance only. Same program as at 2330, and IDing as Ukrainian International Radio (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7455, Jan 28 at 0042, WRMI no longer here during this hour, just RTTY, but open carrier over it on from 0054 before TruNews from 0100. For a few weeks at 00-01 UT, 7455 had carried System D of other programming including a repeat of Ukrainian Radio English at 0030-0100, in addition to 2330-2400 on 11580. Now I find that too is on 11580, UR English at 0042; while 5850 continues to carry R. Slovakia International in English at 0030. The WRMI online schedule has been partially updated to show this.

This means that the Albanian hour from R. Tirana on 7465 no longer suffers from 7455 splash, since it ends at 0100 (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also CRIMEA

** UKRAINE. Ukrainian commercial broadcaster Gala Radio has changed ownership and format and become 'Radio EU' (ID actually sounds like 'Radio Yes' to my English ears). The station broadcasts on FM to Kiev and 11 other cities. As yet I'm unable to locate a Radio EU website, but live audio can be heard by selecting the Radio Gala stream on streaming portals such as Tunein.Com. This page has details about the change of ownership: <http://tinyurl.com/radioeu>

CORRECTION: Mark Hattam has pointed out that it's actually 'Radio ES' (though Google Translate renders it as EU) and found their website at <http://radioec.com.ua> (David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, Jan 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GALA RADIO RADIO STATION SOLD TO THE DUTCH MEDIA HOLDING

Golllandsky media holding RadioCorp completes its acquisition of Ukrainian radio station Gala Radio. Program director of the radio station Roman Davydov said that an agreement to acquire the radio station will be signed on Jan. 20.

The parameters of the transaction took place not disclosed. An estimated two directors Ukrainian radio, the market value such as Gala Radio station does not exceed \$ 5 million.

National Council on Television and Radio Broadcasting at its last meeting on January 15 agreed to change in the composition of the editorial and name change: a new radio director Paul instead Shilko was the former director of Nashe Radio and NRJ Bolhovetsky Bogdan, and the name changed to Gala Radio Radio Yes. Dutch acquire company About PAO Mirak, which owns the rights to the corporate Gala Radio.

Recall in late December, the site Gala Radio reported that on October 27 radio station received a loan in the amount of 200,000 euros from the Dutch holding RadioCorp Investors BV.

For the first time the principal owner of Gala Radio Joseph Lemoore put the radio on sale in the 2007th year. According to the owner of Business Radio Group (station Chanson, Favorite Radio, Business Radio and others) Anatoly Evtuhova then for Gala Radio asked about \$ 10 million.

Gala Radio - founded in 1994, is one of the oldest private radio stations of the country. For 20 years the station has never changed its concept. it.siteua.org (OnAir.ru)(via RusDX 25 Jan via DXLD)

** U K. GREAT BRITAIN, 198, 0146-, BBC Radio 4, Jan 23. Almost good reception with talk format (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UNITED KINGDOM. 1215, 0456-, Absolute Radio, Jan 18. Just barely audible snippets of audio, and visible off and on on the Perseus. So far, just about all that's coming out of Europe tonight. Boy, do I long for solar minimum! Although, in addition, there is weak audio consistently via Iceland on 189 (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [non]. THAILAND, 5845, 1735-, BBCWS, Jan 17. Just did a bandscan, and I couldn't see a single DRM transmission on SW except for the BBCWS. 100% decode at 17.90 kbps in mono. I'm also seeing the BBC WS News, Data: Journaline (0.54 kbps), but there's nothing scrolling, just the logo 'NewsService Journaline'. They say to check <http://www.iie.fhg.de/dab> for more information. Too bad, as it would be nice to actually see a scrolling news service. After watching for a while, though, it suddenly populated with a number of stories. Some were brief news stories (one or two lines), but others stated there was a video attached, but nothing noted when I tried to 'watch' the video. News available from BBC Hindi.com, BBC News-Asia, and BBC News-Europe. All sports program. Off suddenly at 1800 (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

OMAN. 9505, 1712-, BBCWS, Jan 20. Superb S9 + 20 signal with English news about ISIS. A great frequency to hear the BBC in our mornings

(Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

THAILAND. 5845, 1751-, BBCWS, Jan 21. Only partially decoding the BBC, I believe partially due to splatter from adjacent RFA from Tinian on 5855, obliterating the upper end of the 10 kHz frequency spectrum spread of the DRM. They also carry the Journaline news service, but this isn't coming through either for the same reason (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7520, Thu Jan 22 at 2315, BBCWS with fair signal, instead of hetting 7490 WBCQ. Yes, 7520 is now the Tue-Wed-Thu frequency of BBC via Thailand during this hour only, per latest HFCC via Hiroshi & Sei-ichi Hasegawa, and Ivo Ivanov (7490 is now only on Fridays, and the other three days on 7600). (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

HFCC now shows an extra hour of BBCWS English to South East Asia/Far East at 2200-2300 on 3915-kranji 5890-thailand 6195-kranji 7490-thailand effective from 21 January. Very good signal here last night on 6195. 73s (Dave Kenny, Jan 23, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

'Channel hopping' according to day of the week to avoid Chinese jamming (but how do listeners keep track of these day to day switches?) (Alan Pennington, ibid.)

Especially when they don't announce the frequencies or even update their website -
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/2x9tqt6mc05vB2S37j8MWMJ/global-short-wave-frequencies>
(Stephen Cooper, ibid.)

Hi Glenn: Another question for you. I usually listen to the BBC WS technology program "Click" via podcasts. Today, being snowed in, I decided to listen it on SW at the time indicated on the BBC WS website. It wasn't there. Airing on SW was "World Business Report." On line, however, they were streaming "Click." I continued to listen and other than the news reports at the top and bottom of the hour, the programs aired were different. Have you heard of this before? Is there a time schedule of the programs actually aired on SW somewhere? Or does the BBC figure that if you listen on SW you don't have access to the Web so no point on putting up the actual SW schedules there? ;-)
Please point me elsewhere if I should check with someone else. Thanks.
All the best (Richard B. Langley, University of New Brunswick, Jan 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Richard, I long ago gave up trying to correlate BBCWS SW scheduling with webcasting. Different SW target areas probably still have different program timings; to Africa at least (Glenn, ibid.)

Thanks, Glenn. I'm reaching out to the BBC for an answer (Richard, ibid.)

** U K [and non]. BBC, BBC WORLDWIDE AND US PUBLIC SERVICE BROADCASTER
PBS ANNOUNCE NEW DEAL

PBS shares our commitment for impeccable editorial standards and our passion to be inventive in how we tell stories. Natalie Humphreys, Controller of Factual and Daytime Production, BBC

Date: 20.01.2015 Last updated: 20.01.2015 at 11.03
Category: BBC Worldwide

Programmes in first year of the deal include new BBC One landmark natural history series, Earth's Natural Wonders.

The BBC, BBC Worldwide and American public service broadcaster PBS have struck a new deal to develop and deliver an ambitious range of new programming. The partnership will create inspiring content across a range of factual genres including natural history, science, history, religion and the arts.

The deal will encompass around eight to ten new programming specials across approximately 20 hours a year, with content in the first year including a new series for BBC One, Earth's Natural Wonders. The programme will take viewers on a landmark tour of Earth, discovering connections between some incredible places and the life and death struggles of the animals and humans that inhabit them.

Other programmes in the deal include the remarkable story of one of the dinosaur finds of the century, Walking Giants, presented by Sir David Attenborough; and Super Nature: Flight Revealed, which uses cutting edge technology to reveal the secrets of flight - one of nature's greatest innovations.

Natalie Humphreys, BBC Controller of Factual and Daytime Production, says: 'PBS shares our commitment for impeccable editorial standards and our passion to be inventive in how we tell stories and to deliver new insights to audiences. These shared values make it a pleasure to work together.'

Matt Forde, Executive Vice President TV Sales and Co-Productions, BBC Worldwide North America, says: 'This deal allows BBC and PBS to develop and deliver a wealth of the highest quality multi-genre factual content - which will entertain and inspire audiences across the country.'

Our organizations have a long standing relationship in bringing the best of British content to American audiences, with critically acclaimed titles like Sherlock and Call The Midwife and this is the perfect foundation on which to extend this partnership into the factual space.

Beth Hoppe, Chief Programming Executive and General Manager, Audience Programming, PBS, says: "As two of the world's leading public media organizations, we are thrilled to partner with the BBC to expand the range of exceptional programming available to our stations and their audiences."

PBS and the BBC share similar public service missions and the same commitment to producing entertaining and educational programming of the highest quality. We look forward to a long and successful partnership bringing the best from both organizations to the table.

BBC One's Earth's Natural Wonders was commissioned by BBC One Controller Charlotte Moore and Tom McDonald, Acting Head of Commissioning, Science and Natural History. The Commissioning Editor is Aidan Lavery and the Executive Producer is Mark Hedgecoe. Earth's Natural Wonders will reveal a handful of places that can lay claim to being the greatest landscapes on our planet.

Viewers will be taken on a landmark tour of Earth, discovering connections between some incredible places and the life and death struggles of the animals and humans that inhabit them. The series reveals how natural wonders, including Everest, the Grand Canyon and Victoria Falls, were created by powerful energies. This series is the definitive story of some of the most amazing places on our planet. BBC One's Super Nature: Flight Revealed was commissioned by BBC One Controller Charlotte Moore and Tom McDonald, Acting Head of Commissioning, Science and Natural History, the Commissioning Editor is Craig Hunter and the Executive Producer is Tim Scoones.

Flight is the ultimate super-power - an extraordinary ability most of us can only dream of - until now. This three-part series uses cutting edge technology to reveal the secrets of flight - one of nature's greatest innovations.

Cameras developed to film the London Olympics and Hollywood stunts take us up into the air to meet a whole host of extraordinary animals - giant flying squirrels, flying fish and even flying snakes. Red kangaroos, goliath beetles and leaping bugs and many more show us that there are many ways to become an expert aeronaut - unique and surprising adaptations have enabled a whole range of amazing animal innovators to conquer the skies.

For the first time, super hi-speed cameras reveal how one male hummingbird exceeds the G-force of a space shuttle re-entering the atmosphere - all to impress females; an underwater 'timeslice' camera system captures the extraordinary moment when a flying fish transforms its fins into wings; and a state of the art 'Flycam' enables us to fly at breakneck speed alongside a sparrowhawk as it hunts down its prey in the obstacle course of Britain's back gardens.

Join us as we enter the skyworld and experience it like never before, as our extraordinary animal aeronauts jump, glide and fly their way to supremacy in the air.

BBC One's Waking Giants was commissioned by BBC One Controller Charlotte Moore and Tom McDonald, Acting Head of Commissioning, Science and Natural History. The Commissioning Editor is Tom McDonald and the Executive Producer is Mike Gunton.

Presented by Sir David Attenborough, Waking Giants tells the remarkable story of one of the dinosaur finds of the century - over 200 bones from seven giant creatures that have recently been unearthed after 100 million years of lying undiscovered beneath the South American desert - one thigh bone alone measures 2.4 metres in length, a record.

This new species of titanosaur is as yet unnamed. Sir David and the team think they could have stumbled upon the largest dinosaur and indeed the largest animal that has ever walked on Earth. In this extraordinary pre-historic detective story, Sir David investigates a once-in-a-lifetime discovery that experts believe will rewrite text books and could change the way we look at dinosaurs forever. TE (via Hansjoerg Biener, DXLD)

** U S A. Hello Group & Desk, Question: has anyone heard/logged YHWH lately? I have not. Thanks for any replies, (Rich Ray, Burr Ridge, IL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Rich, Listening at the beach in the evening (often 0200-0500 UT), I have been looking for him, especially on some of his past used frequencies, but have not found him. Is possible he is on a completely different time schedule now or even on a more unusual frequency. All we can do is continue to look (Ron Howard, California, ibid.)

Tim Tromp: YHWH Update; I haven't heard him in a long time. Now I know why:
<http://transition.fcc.gov/eb/FieldNotices/2003/DOC-331583A1.html>

Surprised it took this long! [Yahweh has been busted! Last reported in mid-December. There'll be Hell...or something...to pay.]

(MARE Tipsheet Jan 23 via DXLD) Viz.:

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
762002857500 [sic] ENFORCEMENT BUREAU, WESTERN REGION

Los Angeles District Office
18000 Studebaker Rd., #660
Cerritos, CA 90780

December 31, 2014

Martin K. Elliott
Inyokern, CA

NOTICE OF UNLICENSED OPERATION

Case Number: EB-FIELDWR-14-00017931
Document Number: W201532900003

On December 17 and 18, 2014, in response to a complaint of unlicensed operation on multiple H.F. frequencies, including those allocated to aeronautical stations, agents from this office confirmed by radio direction finding techniques that radio signals operating on frequencies of 6280 kHz and 11595 kHz were emanating from a residence located near Inyokern, California. A search of the property records for this location found that you are the current owner and resident. The Commission's records show that no license was issued for operation of a station on either the frequencies of 6280 kHz or 11595 kHz at this location.

Radio stations must be licensed by the FCC pursuant to 47 U.S.C. -§ 301. You are hereby warned that operation of radio transmitting equipment without a valid radio station authorization constitutes a violation of 47 U.S.C. -§ 301 and could subject the operator of this illegal operation to severe penalties, including, but not limited to, substantial monetary forfeitures, in rem arrest action against the offending radio equipment, and criminal sanctions including imprisonment. (See 47 U.S.C. -§-§ 401, 501, 503 and 510.)

UNLICENSED OPERATION OF THIS RADIO STATION MUST BE DISCONTINUED IMMEDIATELY.

You have ten (10) days from the date of this notice to respond with any evidence that you have authority to operate granted by the FCC. Your response should be sent to the address in the letterhead and reference the listed case and document number. Under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. -§ 552a(e)(3), we are informing you that the Commission's staff will use all relevant material information before

it to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure your compliance with FCC Rules. This will include any information that you disclose in your reply.

Be advised that this notice does not preclude this office from pursuing additional sanctions based upon our investigation of this incident. You may contact this office if you have any questions.

Charles A. Cooper
District Director
Los Angeles District Office
Western Region
Enforcement Bureau

Attachments:

Excerpts from the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended
Enforcement Bureau, "Inspection Fact Sheet," March 2005
(FCC via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DXLD)

YHWH and the FCC --- From the ARRL via Twitter.

@arrl: Unlicensed Religious Broadcaster Who Used Amateur Frequencies
Ordered Off the Air: The FCC has ordered an unlicensed station off the
air... <http://bit.ly/1z302bC>
73 (via Dave W6CM Rutter, Sent from my iPad, Jan 26, DXLD)

Chuck Skolaut - KÿBOG (Field & Regulatory Correspondent - ARRL The
national association for Amateur Radio) passed along this additional
information about YHWH, dated Jan 26. He and I corresponded about
YHWH, when found broadcasting in a ham band.

"The pirate station, which identified itself as iYHWH,â was not cited
for operating on Amateur Radio frequencies, although ARRL Official
Observers had monitored the station in the past on 7185 kHz LSB. One
short-wave listener said the operator of YHWH changed frequencies
regularly, and the station had not been heard on the ham bands for at
least several months."

Full story at:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/unlicensed-religious-broadcaster-who-used-amateur-frequencies-ordered-off-the-air>
(Ron Howard, California, Jan 26, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. 7345, Jan 26 at 1415, Navy MARS net on SSB, NCS
being NNNOPQU, tactical net group call being 4H1B, as both pronounced
fonetikaly (except for NNN); contact NNNOUTE has no traffic, and many
other check-ins, with informal comments about weather, etc. Also a
very weak AM carrier, presumably CNR1 non-jammer from Beijing 572

site, only broadcaster listed at this hour in Aoki.

NNNQPQU makes it easy to find him, on unrestricted QRZ.com page,
<http://qrz.com/db/W4DOD> a.k.a. Dan, W4DOD, 40 miles east of Knoxville
TN at Dandridge. Seems his dog Winston is also a ham, W00F. NNN0UTE is
Raymond somewhere in Tennessee, previously logged a couple years ago
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 25910, 21/01 1653, KLDE-FM (presumed), Eldorado TX, USA,
talks, commercials, no ID, fair few minutes (thanks to Giroletti)
73s (Giampiero Bernardini, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DXLD)

** U S A. U.S. SEEKING A STRONGER WORLD MEDIA VOICE

Andrew Lack, the first chief executive of the Broadcasting Board of
Governors, represents a sea change for the agency, which oversees
United States government-supported civilian international news media.

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<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/01/22/us/broadcasting-board-of-governors-names-chief-executive.html?mwrsm=Email>

Sent from my iPhone (David Cole, Goodwell OK, Jan 23, DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. History ñ
RADIO LIBERTYís FIRST DIRECTOR FRANCIS (RONNY) S. RONALDS
Monday, January 26, 2015 2:09 PM BBG Watch January 21, 2015
<http://bbgwatch.com/bbgwatch/history-radio-libertys-first-director-francis-ronny-s-ronalds/>

BBG Watch is restarting its series on the history of U.S.
international broadcasting, which despite the Internet and other new
media or perhaps because of it, has many lessons for todayís
journalists and media managers.

As one example, Radio Libertyís First Director Francis (Ronny) S.
Ronalds (he died on November 26, 2014, aged 89), who during his long
broadcasting career also worked at the Voice of America (VOA) in
Washington, made Russian the working language of the American station
in Munich in the 1950s. As pointed out in the ìARCHITECT OF BROADCASTS
HEARD BY MILLIONS OF SOVIET CITIZENSî obituary of Francis Ronalds at
<http://harriman.columbia.edu/news/francis-s-ronalds-jr-89-architect-broadcasts-heard-millions-soviet-citizens>
ìStaff meetings were conducted in that tongue, even if the person in
the chair happened to be an American (who was required by his job to
know the language).î

In later decades, especially after 1999, U.S. international
broadcasting saw enormous growth of the federal bureaucracy in

Washington combined with marginalization of area expertise, creative talent and journalistic independence at the working level. These elements plus a large measure of independence from the government bureaucracy in Washington and relatively light internal bureaucratic structure were essential for Radio Free Europe's and Radio Liberty's earlier successes.

...
Every day, Ronalds and his staff devoured a diet of transcripts of Soviet radio broadcasts and reams of newspapers from various parts of the country, as well as Western reporting. They became convinced that in order to promote political change in its target area RL's programs would have to stress evolution, not the revolution that was implicit in the rollback policy of the early Eisenhower Administration. In time, they were able to persuade their backers to let Radio Liberation become Radio Liberty, a name that was more in keeping with reality.

For its Soviet listeners Radio Liberty tried to do the job that would have been done by a domestic radio if it could have operated free of censorship. Unlike radios operating in the name of foreign governments, like the Voice of America and the BBC, RL tried to view the world through the eyes of its audience in the USSR.

...
One of the best sources of facts and analysis online about the history U.S. international broadcasting is the Cold War Radio Broadcasting blog of Richard H. Cummings who was director of security for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty for 15 years beginning in 1980. He is author of Cold War Radio: The Dangerous History of American Broadcasting in Europe, 1950-1989 and Radio Free Europe's Crusade for Freedom: Rallying Americans Behind Cold War Broadcasting, 1950-1960.

When Radio Liberty covered or commented on U.S. news developments, it was usually in response to disinformation in the Soviet media or for the purpose of making comparisons between similar social problems in the Soviet Union and the U.S. Posted by: (Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD) obit

** U S A. Here is the lineup for VOA Radiogram, program 95, 24-25 January 2015 ó all in MFSK32 except where noted:

1:39 Thirty-second tuning signal at 1500 Hz.
2:07 Program preview
3:10 Early release of State of the Union text*
9:29 Russian reaction to State of the Union comments*
18:22 US-Philippine alliance in the South China Sea*
25:38 Closing announcements*
28:16 MT63-2000L: Bonus mode of the week

The 30-second tuning signal is because, for many listeners, the fldigi

RxID has been flipping to the wrong audio frequency. The tuning signal allows a manual adjustment of the center audio frequency.

VOA Radiogram transmission schedule

(all days and times UT):

Sat 0930-1000 5910 kHz

Sat 1600-1630 17860 kHz

Sun 0230-0300 5745 kHz

Sun 1930-2000 15670 kHz

All via the Edward R. Murrow transmitting station in North Carolina.

(Kim Elliottt, Jan 23, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[Sorry, I omitted one of the T's recently so this compensates --- gh]

I think the problem here is not to prevent the discovery of RSIDs - but to stop a wrong AF-frequency change! It would be preferable in this case to activate the "frequency-changing deactivation" in FLDIGI.

http://www.rhci-online.de/VoA_Radiogram_2015-01-24.htm

(roger, Germany, Jan 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. 9355, Jan 25 at 1428, VOA sign-on with Yankee Doodle Dandies, poor signal, 1430 ``welcome to the Voice of America in ñ Burmese``. This is due west via Tinang, PHILIPPINES, 1430-1630 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1756 monitoring: confirmed Wed Jan 21 at 2200 on WBCQ 7489.9v; BBC via Thailand has just changed schedule on 7490 to daily at 22-23, Fridays only at 23-24, but at the earlier hour no significant QRM here; by 2230 I do detect a slight het from on-frequency 7490.0 BBC.

WOR 1756 also confirmed at 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9955. Both sufficient, first checked on webcast. The G24 `cast is still at very low volume level, and also at 1545 UT Jan 22.

[see also INTERNATIONAL INTERNET: Geneva Community Radio, NY]

WORLD OF RADIO 1757 monitoring: confirmed on Global 24 via WRMI 9395, Thursday Jan 22 at 2201 and Friday Jan 23 at 0001, fair signals. Next: Fri 2130 on WRMI 7570 & 15770

Sat 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB

Sat 1000 on WRMI 5850

Sun 0231 on KVOH 9975

Sun 2300 on WRMI 11580

Mon 0400v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v [now AM, not CUSB; q.v.]

Mon 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

Tue 1200 on WRMI 9955

Wed 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

Wed 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Wed 1415 on WRMI 9955
Wed 2200 on WBCQ 7490v
Wed 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

WORLD OF RADIO 1757 monitoring: confirmed Fri Jan 23 at 2130.5 on WRMI 7570, quite stronger than // 15770. Next:
Sat 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Sat 1000 on WRMI 5850
Sun 0231 on KVOH 9975
Sun 2300 on WRMI 11580
Mon 0400v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v [now AM, not CUSB]
Mon 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Tue 1200 on WRMI 9955
Wed 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Wed 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Wed 1415 on WRMI 9955
Wed 2200 on WBCQ 7490v
Wed 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

WORLD OF RADIO 1757 monitoring: confirmed UT Sun Jan 25 at 0231 on KVOH 9975 (I was at Winter Chautauqua, inside NWOSU building, but was able to get enough signal on the G8 to confirm). Next:
Sun 2300 on WRMI 11580
Mon 0400v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v [now AM, not CUSB]
Mon 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Tue 1200 on WRMI 9955
Wed 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Wed 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Wed 1415 on WRMI 9955
Wed 2200 on WBCQ 7490v
Wed 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

WORLD OF RADIO 1757 monitoring: confirmed on Area 51 webcast, UT Monday Jan 26 at 0400 and presumably also on WBCQ 5110v. Next:
Mon 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Tue 1200 on WRMI 9955
Wed 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Wed 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Wed 1415 on WRMI 9955
Wed 2200 on WBCQ 7490v
Wed 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

WORLD OF RADIO 1757 monitoring (correct number, despite some typos previously): confirmed on Global 24 via WRMI 9395, Monday Jan 26 at 2201:49, sufficient, following ConnectorZone ad, ID and a semi-minute of Feature Story News headlines. Also confirmed just after 1200 UT Tuesday Jan 27 on WRMI 9955, when I was momentarily awake: good

signal. Next:

Wed 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

Wed 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB

Wed 1415 on WRMI 9955

Wed 2200 on WBCQ 7490v

Wed 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Just a brief note to let you know that I heard World of Radio #1757 on G24 Radio, 9395 kHz at 2220 UT today, 28 January. I never know about reception on this frequency, but today the signal was S9 and very readable here in New Jersey. It was good to hear your program and pick up the valuable information on the shortwaves. Many thanks! 73's, (Ed Insinger, Summit, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF RADIO 1757 monitoring: confirmed UT Wed Jan 28 at 0401 on Global 24 webcast and presumably via WRMI, 9395. Also confirmed from 1415 UT Wednesday on WRMI 9955. Ed Insinger confirmed the Wed 2201 on G24 via WRMI 9395.

WORLD OF RADIO 1758 monitoring: confirmed first broadcast UT Thu Jan 29 at 0430 on WRMI 9955, very poor, but L&C on webcast. Next:

Thu 1330 on WRMI 9955

Thu 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

Fri 0001 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

Fri 2130 on WRMI 7570 & 15770

Sat 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB

Sat 1000 on WRMI 5850

Sun 0231 on KVOH 9975

Sun 2300 on WRMI 11580

Mon 0400v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v

Mon 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

Tue 1200 on WRMI 9955

Wed 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

Wed 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB

Wed 1415 on WRMI 9955

Wed 2200 on WBCQ 7490v

Wed 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9395, 0730-, Global 24, Jan 17. Very good reception of Global 24 with DW English program. S6 to S9 signal strength tonight (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5850, Jan 22 at 0610 - Okeechobee FL. religious broadcaster iTrue News [sic] Radioî Talking about Christians and Muslims celebrating Ramadan together and then quoting biblical references against the idea. I

couldnit follow the logic. Excellent signal (Vince Henley, Anacortes, WA. Tecsun PL-380, JRC NRD-525, Drake R8B. Antennas are half-meter whip on PL-380 and Alpha-Delta DX-Ultra installed broadside east-west, NASWA Flashsheet Jan 25 via DXLD)

9395, Thursday Jan 22 after 1500, Global 24 via WRMI is playing 'Democracy Now', mainly analyzing the State of the Union message by President Obama, including Ralph Nader's negative evaluation around 1545, by when I am listening on the still barely modulated webstream. But the SOTU was a sesquiday ago on Tuesday night, yet someone refers to it being 'last night', so this must be the Jan 21 edition of D.N. a day late. I think G24 was also running D.N. before 1400 as I tuned across, unknown whether really today's 'live' broadcast (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9395, Sunday Jan 25 at 1301, Global 24 via WRMI is still lacking Radio Cairo tho it remains on their program grid
<http://tinyurl.com/G24sked>
Instead a still unID British-accented programme featuring the Top 15 of 1964y; next check at 1429, intro to 1812 Overture fill music yet again. Phil Workman informs Jan 24:

'I think the audio is better now. We're trying to make a switch to a 3rd party streaming service with way more capacity than taxing the WRMI infrastructure - so that we can begin our marketing. As far as WoR - I think your times are keepers'. Yes, streaming is louder now at 1630 check Jan 25.

9395, Jan 26 at 1428, Global 24 via WRMI playing soft music with some chimes which resonate in reverse 5 kHz up on 9400 Kurdistan [non]. At 1517 no 'Democracy Now' today, but announcement about a WOMAD festival. These correlate with the G24 schedule showing 'Lake Air' Mondays at 14-15, 'Sounds from the Global Village' at 15-16; fair signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7455, Jan 28 at 0042, WRMI no longer here during this hour, just RTTY, but open carrier over it on from 0054 before TruNews from 0100. For a few weeks at 00-01 UT, 7455 had carried System D of other programming including a repeat of Ukrainian Radio English at 0030-0100, in addition to 2330-2400 on 11580. Now I find that too is moved onto 11580, UR English at 0030; while 5850 continues to carry R. Slovakia International in English at 0030. The WRMI online schedule has been partially updated to show this. This means that the Albanian hour from R. Tirana on 7465 no longer suffers from 7455 splash, since it ends at 0100 (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Media Network Plus is making a change. January will be the last time we present the monthly 60 minute edition of the program. Media Network

Plus will now only be a weekly program. The reason for the change is the 60 minute edition of the program was only produced for a couple of stations. So this January 31st will be the last 60 minute monthly version of the show produced (Keith Perron, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) So replacing it on the one-hour WRMI block: (gh)

PCJ Radio 26 January 2015

PCJ Radio International will be heard every Friday from 2300 to 0000 UT to the Americas on 9955. The schedule for February is the following.

First Friday - Jazz For The Asking

Second Friday - Focus Asia Pacific/Vintage Media Network with Jonathan Marks

Third Friday - Focus Asia Pacific/ Switzerland In Sound

Fourth Friday - Focus Asia Pacific/Media Network Plus

Email for QSLs: pcjqsl@pcjmedia.com

<http://www.pcjmedia.com/component/content/article/1-latest-news/268-pcj-radio-international-every-friday>

Posted by: (Mike Terry, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Schedules of R. Slovakia Int, R. Prague & R. Ukraine Int via Okeechobee:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/schedules-of-rslovakia-int-rprague.html>
[missed the Ukraine, q.v. change from 7455 to 11580 --- gh]

Schedules of EU News Network and Echo of Europe via Okeechobee:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/schedules-of-eu-news-network-and-echo.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria Jan 28, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. 17775, Jan 27 at 1420, KVOH is a JBA carrier; about 1430 it starts to build up and only takes a few minutes to reach very good daytime level (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7489.9, WBCQ Monticello ME; 1748-1751*, 18-Jan; Tune-in to hard rock tune; off with "This is WBCQ Monticello ME concluding equipment testing & adjustments." SIO=3+53, fady; OC on till 1752. Tnx to tip on the Free Radio Net. Got them on 7490.6 on 1/15 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5110, UT Fri Jan 23 at 0356, WBCQ is on with VORW ex/non-pirate show, host saying shows are archived on website, then playing a request, ``Tom Sawyer`` by Rush. Still on at 0403 check talking about how a

video of his on YouTube went viral in 2013 and drastically changed his life.

This WBCQ signal has been much stronger lately than before, and now I realize that it's no longer reduced carrier + USB only. There is equal modulation on USB and LSB, and plenty carrier, tho not sure if it's reduced somewhat, i.e. in effect, AM. At 0413 I measure it on 5109.96 approximately, so also much closer to nominal.

Therefore I conclude that this is one of WBCQ's ``NEW`` transmitters Allan Weiner was mentioning, replacing the old off-frequency USB one! Should also improve WORLD OF RADIO reception UT Mondays at 0400v.

As for the VORW show, by RW Observer, as we previously reported, it was supposed to be 04-05 UT Wed & Fri, but apparently now at least an additional hour, from 0300? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7489.85, WBCQ. RE: WOR 1757 - Item about Glenn hearing pirate-like shows. Yes, in fact heard Jan 19 (Monday) with "Radio New York International"; caught my attention at 0305 with stronger content than normally heard on regular SW programs; strange/weird comic take off with a make believe ad for "AOL 8.0"; DJ Johnny Lightning.

Websites

<http://alansane.homestead.com/johnnylightning.html> and

<http://www.johnlightning.com/>

(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15420, Jan 27 at 2005, no signal from WBCQ, tho all other US outlets on 19m are well audible: 15555, 15610, 15730, 15770, 15825. 15420 is scheduled 18-22 UT with 'Global Spirit Proclamation'. Can there ever be too much snow upon Monticello to stay on the air? Check 9330, 7490, 5110 later today. Meanwhile, Allan basks in Florida, hi.

7490, Jan 28 at 0047, WBCQ is on with VG signal, conversation; nothing on 5110 now. So 7490 transmitter is not snowed out. Generally stronger signals make me suspect a new unit is in service. OTOH, at 0054, 7490- is still slightly on the lo side like the old one (or sometimes on the hi side, rarely right-on) (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 3185, Jan 23 at 0430 I note that WWRB is off the air, also not on 5050, instead of Brother-Scaring.

3185 & 5050, Jan 24 at 0347, both WWRBs are on tonite, with other huxtering and BS respectively (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5830, WTWW, Jan 22 at 0616. Religious broadcaster from Lebanon, TN. Male preacher with an anti-Semitic message based on biblical quotes. Strong signal, but I wished it wasn't (Vince Henley, Anacortes, WA. Tecsun PL-380, JRC NRD-525, Drake R8B. Antennas are half-meter whip on PL-380 and Alpha-Delta DX-Ultra installed broadside east-west, NASWA Flashsheet Jan 25 via DXLD)

12105, WTWW Lebanon TN; 1951-2001+, 22-Jan; English huxter on The Bible Worldwide; "Grace extends to all people". (I knew a Grace in high school, but she didn't extend to me.) 1959 WTWW spot; said will QSL & would continue in English, but they continued in Spanish. S30 peaks. EiBi lists this correctly as English 18-20 & Spanish at 20; Aoki (1/21) misses this completely showing nothing before 20 & Portuguese at 20 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5085, Jan 24 at 0347, WTWW-2 is off, and seems to have been off for a few days now, nor on 9930 in daytime. Same old story. Might be more active weekend with Ted shows, should it be operational.

Here's a look at the WTWW site from a quadcopter, via Rob Wagner, MEDXR blog:
http://youtu.be/yckBR9i6V_w

BTW, if you hear BS on 9930 again, Ivo Ivanov thinx it's T8WH, which means he also might be back on WHRI (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 16-17 UT: see SOUTH CAROLINA [non]

9930, Jan 27 at 2008, WTWW-2 remains off whenever checking, such as now, or 5085 at night, while 1 & 3 are active on 9475, 12105.

5085, Jan 28 at 0630, WTWW-2 has finally come back to life after missing for several days --- and now Ted has decided to fill it with marathon reruns of his QSO ham radio show, now interviewing someone with hum and excessive down-in-a-barrel reverb. Also at 1416 Jan 28, day frequency 9930 is again/still QSOing (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 15825, WWCR Nashville TN; 1724-1731+, 18-Jan; Catholic program "Radio Mass" from Westbury NY. 1729 WWCR spot into Calvary Hour -- intro announcer sounded like calling it Cavalry Hour (Onward Christian soldiers! Smite the unbelievers.) WWCR announcer said they'd now go to English programming, But Radio Mass WAS in English. SI0=353 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The Sunday 1700 UT mass used to be in Latin, when that was more of a rarity. Playing same recording every week? Shhh. Guess WWCR outro hasn't noticed change to English (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4840, WWCR. Massive S9+50 signal at 1117. All the way up to 4865 and below. (22 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 690, Jan 25 at 0602 UT, as KGGF is wrapping up with Taps, I start seeking WOKV, Jacksonville FL, which Bob Smoak, Bamberg SC had first reported to ABDX and IRCA at 0155 UT Jan 25: ``DX Opportunity, WOKV, 690, Jacksonville, Florida, is blasting away three hours after sunset with their daytime facilities. They rarely "forget", so here is a good opportunity to pick it up``. And then heard by numerous inlanders.

Now indeed I am hearing a station in English south of Coffeyville and north of XEN and some other Mexican with NA (Cuba not much of a 690 factor any more; used to be one of their main 50 kW channels, but only 10 kW now). Ad in news which at 0605 UT outros as Fox, 0605 UT weather but can't catch any local refs (seemingly from a TV station meteorologist), 0606 UT into C2CAM theme. Looks promising for WOKV. 0630 UT during C2C break, PSA for something in ``Jacksonville``, so that's it! and Fox news headlines.

WOKV is 50/25 kW U2, with night pattern normally wasting most of it eastward into the Atlantic (maybe good for W Africa too? but surely with enough to cover Jax' large city limits), while day pattern is ND. This time there is no hurricane to justify it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

690, WOKV is absolutely dominating the channel right now here in West Michigan with Clark Howard and frequent IDs and local ads between segments. Sounds like a local station, armchair quality. That's a new log here at 0300 UT, so thanks much for the tip! 73, (Tim Tromp, West Michigan, Jan 25, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A. 750, Jan 25 at 0615 UT, romantic music in Spanish, a couple segués too quick before the previous tune is over! Same fast SAH and overriding WSB as usual from KAMA, but I thought it was talk-format, so keep listening; 0625 UT ad mentioning El Paso with such a website, promos for gospel huxters on Sunday morning; 0627 UT PSA from USDA and some other USG agency {Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos de los EE. UU}, Ad Council warning of bacteria if you don't wash your hands ñ then same PSA played again! See <http://foodsafety.gov/espanol>

Rather, directly:

<http://espanol.foodsafety.gov/>

and 0630 finally ID for Univisi n Am rica.

Here's the explanation from Facebook:

  KAMA 750 AM te brinda las  ltimas noticias, consejos de expertos y programaci n local en El Paso, TX!  Adem s la m sica que m s te gusta!
<https://twitter.com/KAMA750AM>  

And here's the explanation from

<http://corporate.univision.com/media-property/kama-el-paso/>

  KAMA   750AM --- Aqu  Est  Todo --- KAMA-AM has been a news/talk legend in the El Paso market since its introduction over 25 years ago. It speaks to the hearts and minds of El Paso Hispanics and is their leading source of news, information and sports. With its blend of informative local programming, sports reports, KAMA-AM is where El Pasoans go when they want to know about finances, relationships, lifestyle and the latest sports scores and news. There s even a bit of music thrown in to brighten up everyone s day! So when Hispanics in El Paso need to be informed OR entertained, they turn to KAMA, 750 AM! KAMA-AM is the official Spanish Station of the Dallas Cowboys!  

So Kama is in bed with the Vaqueros. Or preferably the Cheerleaders --- which my Random House Spanish/English dictionary translates only as   porro  , i.e. definitely masculine, so are the gals porras?? {not to be confused with perras!} Google Translate is completely different with porro as joint = reefer, or adjectively,

  [persona] Que tiene dificultad para realizar una cosa con cuidado o habilidad o para comprender una cosa.   Which ties in with the idea that cheerleaders are dumb, which is certainly not fair, nor are they all feminine.   See also porra  : that means baton, a stick for hitting somebody, and also an interjection of disgust. We're not getting any closer to cheerleader. How about conductoras de aplausos?

Well, not quite   all   ---- site does not explain why, 10/1 kW U4, they have been running day pattern and power continuously for months blasting away WSB to the east (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 760, Jan 27 at 1341 UT, nulling KCCV Overland Park KS and thus getting rid of fast SAH, the other station is playing praise music, 1344 segu , 1348 country gospel; 1350 UT weather for somewhere in Arkansas, 41 degrees; therefore: KMTL Sherwood, 10 kW ND daytimer. Not a trace of Denver yet (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 830, Jan 23 at 0345 UT, I null WCCO to reconfirm whether WFNO Norco LA is still QRMing the 50 kW U1 Minnesotan, because it

seems to me it's no longer as big a problem. At tune-in, only a very poor signal with music, but at 0350 UT super-hype voice actor [SHVA] yells ``Caliente, caliente, caliente``, and that's the slogan of WFNO. By 0400 UT ToH WCCO is too strong to get a legal ID, but obviously WFNO is still there. If on 750 watt night pattern aimed SSE, I should not even be getting this much. Day pattern is 5 kW with broad lobe centered NNW, so maybe now it's on night power but day pattern instead of day power and pattern at night (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 830, Jan 27 at 1338 UT just after sunrise here, non-ID twice as ``99-3 Jazz[??] FM``, music style classic rock, loops E/W. NRC AM Log has the answer: WGUE Memphis TN, 3000 watts D1, but CP for 8000/2 watts U1. Format AC/OLD, // W257CY ``99.3 Guess FM`` and it's in AM \$tereo. WTFDA FM database agrees on the //, i.e. translator tail wagging this dog of an AM, but as a K-Love, apparently no longer that. As with any Memphis station, in a tri-state-area, one must ascertain which state its transmitter site is really in. Really TN, per <http://www.radio-locator.com/cgi-bin/pat?call=WGUE&service=AM&status=L&hours=D> 830 Tucson with 50 kW day power might pop in later (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 910, WFDF, Farmington Hills MI; I'm still waiting for a real ID -- "The Word" is just about every other phrase, but I haven't heard WFDF at all. At 0300 into a brokered programme from some ministry. Strong but lots of crud underneath them. 4+3+4+43 0250-0305 22/Jan +++

Offer of 'the Word network subject bible' (indexed Bible like this is something new) exclusive offer -- they will send it 'free' if you make an offering of \$150 or more. Sheesh, free? Then Legal ID at ToH mentioning that WFDF is "The oldest radio station in Michigan". So what is WWJ -- chopped liver? Then to a preacher in a large church with several 'amens' etc. Snooze. 3+5454m 1455-1505 22/Jan (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet Jan 23 via DXLD) ex-R Disney

** U S A. 960, Jan 24 at 1344 UT, local KGWA Enid is not modulating, so I null it to find two or three other stations. There is such a big perpetual hum on KGWA, however, that peaks at precise null point, why? So I have to offset it slightly to pull thru the DX. At 1352 UT, ``sports here on KMA`` ID in passing, from Shenandoah IA, my #1 suspect outside Mexico. LSR was 1339 UT (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re: This from DX-midAMerica: - 1300 WFFG Marathon FL Format to SS (ex-NWS/TLK) ; slogan to "Radio Marti" delete nets. Best wishes (Barry :-) Davies, Carlisle UK, mwcircle yg via DXLD)

Are you implying that WFFG is 24/7 nothing but R. Marti? What

nonsense, from the same town as the hi power, hi gain USG R. Martí on 1180. Various other south FL MW stations have carried RM only for a couple hours per night to pick up some government cash.

OTOH, this is not news --- already as 24/7 R. Martí in the NRC AM Log compiled last August; it's 2.5/2.5 kW U3. Has pattern been modified? Pattern Book shows day and night tightly to the east/west with a very minor lobe to the south (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Glenn, Please don't shoot the messenger hi! The item came from DX-midAmerica. I too have the latest NRC Log which shows 24 hour SS (Radio Martí) I also have a side note, alas not referenced, saying they switched to English news talk. Hence the latest "news" from the DX-midAmerica people did not seem strange to me. However, given the current conditions, WFFG will probably change again by the time I hear it hi! Best wishes (Barry :-) Carlisle UK Davies, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

Why do they refuse to accept credible sources and my actual log(s) vs. hearsay? That's just one of the many problems with the quality of this hobby today. From the archives, which I may add are always posted on FLPRS sub page Loggings.

1260, FLORIDA, WSUA, Radio Martí rebroadcast, Miami. 0306 November 17, 2014. Tune-in to "Cuba en la Semana" mostly island news highlights program hosted by male and female. Male "Somos Martí, 1180 AM y onda corta, Radio y Televisión Martí" at 0332 and back to "Cuba en la Semana" program. This is a taped rebroadcast, not parallel 6030 kHz SW.

Scheduled local 2200-2400 daily (this, for instance, was on a local Sunday night), and per a reliable engineering source, this appears to be the only stateside non-Office Of Cuba Broadcasting station now, with WFFG, Marathon no longer relaying Martí 24/7 (probably hasn't for a while).

1300, FLORIDA, WFFG, Marathon. 0334 November 17, 2014. Sports roundup show though not sure what network source, then a commercial break, including "The Device Doctor, located right here in Key West, 305-240-9921." Appears to be News/Talk/Sports format, not Radio Martí relays as in the 2014 NRC AM Logbook any longer (Terry L Krueger, FL, Jan 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1420, Jan 24 at 0637 UT, 'Coast to Coast AM' from two stations making a slight reverb, both roughly NE/SW. And Google searching on the C2C station list for 1420 gets only two hits: WOC Davenport IA, and KTOE Mankato MN (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1420, Jan 28 at 1344 UT tune-in, ID in passing for KBTN, C&W music, fading, along with slow SAH and hum. KBTN is 1/0.5 kW U2 in Neosho MO, not that far away in the SW corner; logged once before, May 26, 2012 at 1144 UT (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1480-, Jan 23 at 0434, LAH on the lo side, but no audio possible. Neil Kazaross says: ``If this het is on the low side of 1480 it is likely coming from WERM Mobile. They are Black Gospel and clearly below 1480 and I doubt they are running proper night pattern. 73 KAZ Barrington IL``. My previous DF also fit for Mobile (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) `

** U S A. 1510, Jan 24 at 0354 UT, I'm after a definite ID from the CBS Sports station I have heard a couple of times, presumed to be 5 kW daytimer KBED Nederland (Beaumont) TX. Not a word of Dutch, but 0356 ad or PSA for some ``Southeast Texas Coalition``, so that's it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. 1520, Jan 22 at 0653 UT, ``CBS Sports Radio, This is Sports Radio 15-20, The Ticket``, then into `After Hours with Amy` from the network. NO KOKC! Which is off the air at the moment, conceding its ``clear`` channel to the perpetual cheater from Rochester MN, KOLM, obviously on 10 kW non-direxional day power instead of 800 watts night to the north.

There is still a fast SAH like caused to KOKC, but the understation now from the N/S is playing Mexican music. There are four minor 1520 stations in east/central Mexico, the closest being XEYP, Imagen in El Lim n, Tamaulipas, 500 watts, but it's supposedly info format.

1520, Jan 23 at 0426 UT, good signal with sports talk; at first strong enough to be taken as KOKC but not their format. DFing confirms KOKC is OFF again! Allowing thru unimpeded 10 kW day at night cheater KOLM Rochester MN. At 0431 UT, like previous log, the sportstalk is // 1510, i.e. both CBS Sports Radio (but not // 670 WSCR). 1510 (presumed another cheater, KBED Beaumont TX, as previously) is about one word ahead of 1520.

1520, Jan 24 at 0354 UT, local sports talk, post-game show? Not // 1510 with CBS Sports. KOKC OKC is OFF again!! So this is obviously the cheatin' Minnesotan again with the frequency all to itself. 0358 PSA for Rosacea; 0359 PSA for adopting cats, and ``powered by CBS Sports Radio, Sports Radio 15-20, The Ticket``, weather by YL, and finally legal ID as ``KOLM-AM Rochester``. (Note: it's not legal; there is no -AM suffix!), and joins CBS Sports Radio for news now // a word apart from 1510 KBED. News on hour from CBSSR is all about sports too; can't be bothered with the real world which CBS otherwise covers

competently. Unfortunately, silly ballgames intrude there too (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. MARYLAND RADIO STATION PUNISHED FOR SILENCE
rbr.com By Dave Seyler January 27, 2015

[Dead!] Air is the bane of broadcasters everywhere. And if it is prolonged, and occurs without FCC permission, it is an actionable offense, as WRTI-AM [sic!! it's WTRI, 1520, 17 kW daytimer, Asian format, silent since 4/14 per NRC AM Log] Brunswick MD just found out.

The station is owned by WTRI Holding LLC. Read more at
<http://rbr.com/maryland-radio-station-punished-for-silence>
Posted by: (Mike Terry, Jan 28, dxldyg via DXLD)

Requires joining and login. How about copying the whole story for us?
Not off to a good start: First word in story is Dead, before Air; correct call is WTRI, not WRTI! WTFK? 1520, 17 kW daytimer, Asian format, silent since 4/14 per NRC AM Log (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

WTRI-AM FINED \$5,000 FOR UNAUTHORIZED SHUT-DOWN
By cmarcucci on Mar, 31 2014 with Comments 0 image:
http://rbr.com/wp-content/uploads/FCC_building-225x180.jpg

FCCWTRI Holding, Inc. was issued a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture in the amount of \$5,000 for unauthorized discontinuation of operations of Station WTRI-AM 1520, Brunswick, MD (suburban DC).

Said Peter Doyle, Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau: iThe Media Bureau has before the application of WTRI Holding, LLC, for renewal of its license for Station WTRI(AM), Brunswick, Maryland and the Petition to Deny the Application filed by John J. Mullaney of Mullaney Engineering, Inc. In this Memorandum Opinion and Order and Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture we find that Licensee apparently willfully and repeatedly violated Section 73.1740 of the Rules³ by discontinuing operation of the Station without timely requesting special temporary authority. Based upon our review of the record before us, we conclude that

Licensee is apparently liable for a monetary forfeiture in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and deny the Petition.¹

iWTRI indicated explained that the Station was silent from January 28, 2005, to March 22, 2005; and again from February 11, 2009, to March 25, 2009.

According to Commission records, Licensee filed a request for STA to remain silent on March 16, 2009, indicating that it had gone silent

February 11, 2009, and notified the Commission on April 20, 2009, that it had resumed operations on April 15, 2009. On March 6, 2012, Licensee notified the Commission that it had been silent since July 15, 2011, and on July 9, 2012, notified the Commission that it had resumed operations on June 30, 2012.

In its Petition, Mullaney alleges that the Application should be denied because the Station has had extended periods of unauthorized silence. Specifically, Mullaney alleges that he visited the WTRI site on August 28, 2011, to view the public file, but the Station was not operating, its offices were closed and the area around the station was not maintained. Based upon these observations, Mullaney further opines that the Station is not operating within its licensed parameters. Mullaney further alleges that since May 5, 2011, he monitored the Station on at least separate days¹¹ but no operation was ever detected. He also states that observations were made on July 15, August 1, August 15, and September 1, 2011, but no transmission was detected from the Station.

Mullaney also believes that the required renewal announcements were not made on those dates. Mullaney also notes that the Application discloses unauthorized periods of silence in 2005 and 2009. Accordingly, Mullaney requests that we deny the Application.

In its Opposition, Licensee states that although the Station was on the air at the time the Application was filed, it was forced to go silent shortly thereafter due to financial hardship. Licensee states that it filed a notification on November 7, 2011, and that while it does not dispute all assertions made by Mullaney with regard to the on-air status, we feel that there are inaccuracies and misrepresentations.¹

Additionally, we find that the Station's periods of silence do not warrant a short-term renewal. Licensee acquired the Station's license on January 28, 2005, and Station's license term ended on October 1, 2011. The Station was only silent for a total of 6 months during the 80 month period in which Licensee held the Station's license. We will renew the Station's license for the full term ending on October 1, 2019.¹

RBR-TVBR observation: The last we heard, the station was Asian-brokered, Oldies and before that Country. The station has pretty much been off the air for quite a while. Now, Progressive Talk WPWC-AM 1480 Dumfries, VA to the south of DC, has been off the air as well for many weeks. It airs a weak carrier signal. Read more at <http://rbr.com/wtri-am-fined-5000-for-unauthorized-shut-down/#rFLto1wZEKq6mG3k.99> (via Shawn Fahrer, dxldyg via DXLD)

Going to Google news and entering WTRI produces several hits, e.g., this from Radio World:

MARYLAND AM MUST PAY \$5,000 FINE

01.28.2015 === The FCC upheld a \$5,000 fine against WTRI Holding for taking WTRI(AM), Brunswick, Md., off the air without Special Temporary Authority.

Initially levied last March, the commission said in its decision the station went off the air for seven months without permission, and without providing the agency an explanation. Stations that need to remain silent for more than 30 days must ask the FCC for permission to do so.

The agency fine has progressed to a Forfeiture Order; the agency said WTRI must pay the fine and the FCC will withhold granting the station's license renewal until that is done.

This is not really a surprise, as the station's been abandoned and in receivership for more than a year and dark for at least that long. The FCC complaint is at fcc.gov. WTRI's owners have been given until April 15 or risk forfeiting the station's license (via Larry Will, dxldyg via DXLD)

WTRI, 1520 AM, Brunswick, Maryland is literally "down the road" from where I live, about 30 miles. Brunswick is 30-40 miles northwest of Washington right on the Maryland side of the Potomac River. For the last few years they ran a wide variety of formats, from Asian to country, eclectic, etc. The "Radio Earl" format was pretty good and I was sad to see them go after little more than a year on the air. I never heard any locally produced content on the station, it was all brokered stuff. According to wiki the station was run by the Lyndon LaRouche people back in the late 1980s.

No one apparently has made any money off the station for a long time. There are too many stations on the band here to make a low power outfit like WTRI viable any more. It's a little too far from the Washington DC metro area to be of interest to anyone trying to get in that market.

The only thing that could have possibly saved it is operating as a community co-op, and even then, that's a long shot considering no one seems to have any interest at all in doing that on medium wave here. (Larry Will, Mount Airy, Maryland, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. What Happened to Houston's Disney Station - KMIC 1590?

Okay, so I admit my being slow on the draw on this, but I've just now noticed the past 3 nights that KMIC 1590 has not been heard at my QTH in SE Houston. I knew they were facing possible sale, but I haven't seen or heard anything about that happening. Did they allow their license to expire? Did they just go dark? Inquiring minds want to know. Thanks & 73, (Steve Ponder, N5WBI, Houston, TX, Sent from my iPhone, Jan 22, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Stephen, According to Radio Insight dated 11/04/2014:

"Radio Disney has sold off the first of its pending 23 divestitures as it sells 1590 KMIC Houston to DAIJ Media for \$3.2 million. The buyer, headed by Rafael and Ruben Villarreal, owns four other AMs and one FM translator in the Houston market: 880 KJOZ Conroe, 980 KQUE Rosenberg, 1380 KRCM Shenandoah, and 1460 KBRZ/95.1 K236AR Missouri City. DAIJ Media also owns three LPTV's, while the Villarreal brothers are also the principal owners of five non-commercial FM's under the Aleluya Broadcasting Network umbrella."

I see on StationIntel.com, KMIC is silent at present. I think we will see Spanish Religion coming very soon!! (James Niven, Austin, Texas, ibid.)

On January 8 the FCC approved the sale of KMIC from Radio Disney Group to Daij Media for \$3.2 million. Wikipedia says it went dark on January 13.
https://licensing.fcc.gov/cgi-bin/ws.exe/prod/cdbs/forms/prod/cdbsmenu.htm?context=25&appn=101656186&formid=314&fac_num=20491
Sent from my iPhone (Dennis Gibson, ABDX via DXLD)

And KMIC 1590 Houston has been off the air since the sale closed - a DX opportunity for those in the Houston area (Bruce Carter, ibid.)

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There has been discussion on the Houston board about KYOK going back to 1590, but that is a lousy signal anywhere but straight South at night. It would cover the predominantly black suburbs of South Houston, but Houston is a large metro area and a lot of its audience is also Northeast and North now, areas that would not have a night signal. As a former radio Disney listener (before it went off), I can tell you just how dramatic their drop-off is out West. The frequency is a total jumble at night, even though I am less than 20 miles from KYOK's nighttime array (Bruce Carter, Jan 23, ABDX via DXLD)

1590 KMIC Radio Aleluya --- First, thanks to all on the various lists that answered my query as to the whereabouts of Houston's Radio Disney station - KMIC 1590. The info everybody provided turned out to be spot

on! If you haven't heard by now, Houston has a new Hispanic Gospel station! Tune to 1590 kHz and you will hear "Radio Aleluya, 1590 KMIC." I downloaded the Aleluya Broadcasting Network (ABN) app to my iPhone, but it doesn't have the KMIC stream added to it yet. One of the ABN webpages that has the coverage maps for their stations is <http://radioaleluya.org/>

73 & Good DX, (Steve Ponder, N5WBI, Houston, TX, Sent from my Kindle Fire HD, Jan 24, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A. 1690, Jan 27 at 0605 UT, ``Talk of Chicago, WVON`` ID, and program opening including WVON in Morse code, once, then soul music theme. Also accompanied by IBOC noise, audible vs 1680 weak KRJO, not so much vs 1700 stronger pileup (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WRCR SPRING VALLEY GETTING READY TO SIGN ON AT 1700 AM
<http://radioinsight.com/community/topic/wrcr-spring-valley-getting-ready-to-sign-on-at-1700-am/#post-130020>
(via DXLD) Viz.:

WRCR 1300 Spring Valley will be moving to 1700 AM with 10,000 Watts in a few weeks. I'm wondering how this will affect the TIS stations at JFK and Westchester County Airport as well as Manville, NJ, Newark Airport and Lyndhurst, NJ and CLARK, NJ all on 1700 AM ? Right now I hear the JFK station in South Queens. Will WRCR signal still be heard over the JFK signal or will the JFK station need to move to another frequency on the AM band ? (Dave, Jan 21, radioinsight.com via DXLD)

Any TIS type station will be displaced by a full power station like WRCR. According to radio locator WRCR's new signal will cover much of NYC. Radio Locator will answer some questions you have posed here.
<http://radio-locator.com/>
(Warren Hodges Jr., ibid.)

Warren, I also found this link of the following info that comments on the issues directly for the JFK etc. stations directly. I didn't know that it also effects stations that are 1690 AM.

Some information stations on AM 1700 in the larger circled area will receive interference from WRCR. Certain stations on AM 1690 within the inner circle may receive interference as well. The likelihood of interference is increased the closer to the center of the circle(s) the information station is located.

WRCR Radio, which has operated in Spring Valley, New York, on the 1300 frequency for decades, has been issued a permit by the FCC allowing it to kick up its power twenty-fold to 10,000 watts and to shift frequencies to the top of the band. Some area information stations on

AM 1700 and 1690, which are secondary in priority, must make way.

Affected will be stations operated by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey at Kennedy Airport and the Port of Newark, Westchester County Airport and various communities in Northern New Jersey. The Township of Clark, New Jersey, which has been licensed on the 1700 frequency since just after the attacks of 9/11/2001, has already undertaken a frequency search and applied for an alternate AM frequency in preparation.

<http://www.theradiosource.com/articles/news-2014-dec.htm>

(Dave, *ibid.*)

Just read that WRCR 1700 will be broadcasting in HD as well as AM Analog. Is it possible to do both on the same frequency ? Will having HD limit the signal ?

<http://www.wrcr.com/2015/01/24/did-you-know/>

(Dave, Jan 25, *ibid.*)

My guess if WRCR will go to 1700 AM, it will be considered to be an oldies format and it will be on right after the format change. NYC hasn't been playing oldies for the past 10 years since WCBS-FM flipped to iJack back in 2005. WRCR will be an older demo format, and oldies fits on AM.

According to Radio Locator that WRCR might reach NYC, NJ and most of PA, but the signal that it won't reach is Kingston. Poughkeepsie is going to pick up WRCR's new signal as well as New Paltz and Ellenville (musicradio77, *ibid.*)

That's a question with two answers:)

The HD signal is broadcast in parts of the two adjacent channels on each side. For WRCR, that'll be 1685-1695 and 1705-1715 kHz. The analog audio is broadcast in the 1695-1705 kHz segment (the same as it would if there were no HD signal).

One might think this would result in massive interference to the adjacent-channel stations on 1680 and, especially, 1690 (and to whatever, if anything, is on the other side on 1710 and 1720).

Analog-only stations were allowed to have sideband products out 10 kHz either side of extending into the first adjacent channel. Signal in the second adjacent had to be at least 25dB down. The HD digital signal is confined to the same spectrum.

The problem is duty cycle. Analog modulation products don't extend beyond the channel very often (I suppose an analog station would cause massive adjacent-channel interference if their programming consisted

of people playing the cymbals 24/7!). The HD signal is there *all the time*.

In theory HD doesn't limit the station's signal. Some listeners claim otherwise. I suspect most are using higher-fidelity receivers which pass the digital sidebands past 5 kHz. Doug Smith, W9WI, Pleasant View (Nashville), TN, (all via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

** U S A. NPR Names New Ombudsman <http://www.npr.org/376704414>

Did you know that NPR is one of the few remaining news organizations to have an ombudsman, a journalist assigned to critique NPR's own journalistic efforts? The NPR Ombudsman operates independently, accountable to you, the listener/reader. Elizabeth Jensen Being the NPR Ombudsman is a temporary assignment, usually for three years, during which he/she responds to listener inquiries about news coverage, bias, thoroughness, and other thorny ethical and stylistic issues that crop up in journalism.

As of Jan. 26, you, the listener, have a new representative: Elizabeth Jensen. She is an accomplished journalist herself, writing for The New York Times and Columbia Journalism Review among others, with three decades of experience covering the media industry, public media and non-profit journalism in general, and NPR and PBS in particular. She replaces Edward Schumacher-Matos, who has served as Ombudsman since 2011. You'll be able to find her opinion columns along with her predecessor's, in our This Is KGOU section.

<http://kgou.org/category/kgou>

<http://kgou.org/post/new-ombudsman-start-jan-26>

Contact information for her will be available soon

(KGOU e-newsletter Jan 22 via DXLD)

** U S A. Glenn, one of the greats of radio and TV died today, my friend Joe Franklin. He had a TV show on local station WOR-TV that he never received a dime for in 44 years, yet he gave so many on-air spots to would be talent and behind the scenes jobs to people, whoever, wherever he could. Without a job as a casting agent's assistant for Bob Anthony he gave me, my knowledge and experience of moving pictures would have been worlds behind anything I knew of radio and TV.

Also there must be a special place in heaven for those who find work for those who have been blacklisted. Oscar Brand and I occasionally trade notes on this as he has been blacklisted for well over 60 years and I for half of that, well over 30. Rest in peace and thank you, Joe. Joe, knowing he was about to die of cancer made a last on the air announcement for "The Big Broadcast" at the beginning of the show on WFUV for Sunday, January 18, 2015 (Fred Jodry, KA2PYQ, Jan 25, WORLD

OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST) obit

** URUGUAY. 1050, RNU, 27/01 0515 UT. Aviso de R. Uruguay y vuelta al programa: "Efecto Mariposa" hablando de una película con música de The Beatles de fondo. SINFO: 44534 con poco fading y casi sin QRM de la emisora de Sn Fernando, Argentina en la misma frecuencia (Claudio Galaz, RX: GOLON RX-221UAR, ANT: Telescopica, QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Región, Chile, Condiglista yg via DXLD)

** UZBEKISTAN. 15725, 1335-, TWR India Jan 24 Excellent reception with listed Hindi programming. I'm assuming we're receiving the broadcast from the back end of the antenna, over the Pole (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UZBEKISTAN. 9540, Jan 26 at 1423, poor signal playing BaBcoCk IS, with longer pauses than usual and seems to cut out now and then past 1426; at 1429 dead air with flutter past 1430. Presumed FEBA via Tashkent as in fact registered by BaBcoCk for Hindi at 1430-1500, 100 kW, 131 degrees. 9540 was an old R. Tashkent frequency; how we miss them (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VANUATU. 3945, R. Vanuatu (presumed), 1412-1530 & 1538-1547, Jan 22. For a long time I have been checking this frequency weekdays after a strong Japan ("RN2") signs off about 1400 and always found a weak carrier that I assumed was Vanuatu, so surprised today to hear a weak station here playing non-stop EZL songs; played "You are the Only One" SEVEN times; poor with CODAR & ham QRM; never any announcements of any kind. Very nice to have them running audio, as long as the transmitter has been on the air anyway! Am fairly certain it was them, based upon signal strength. Clearly not "RN2" with an extended schedule (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Jan 23 - Indeed it does seem that Radio Vanuatu is on a new extended schedule. Noted again after the 1401 sign off of a strong Japan ("RN2"). Today played "You are the Only One" at 1423. Yesterday they played that same song at 1419, 1432, 1449, 1501, 1513, 1526 and 1542. Today much weaker signal than yesterday.

<https://app.box.com/s/0ts116fuei7yldvi88080swfkhsfd139>

contains an audio from yesterday's reception of "You are the Only One" (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3945+, 1454-, Radio Vanuatu, Jan 23. Thanks to Ron Howard for pointing this one out, and sure enough, this morning they are on well past their normal sign-off time. Quite good at times with mostly non-stop music. Transmitter measures about 10 Hz high (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Jan 24 (Saturday) - With "RN2" (Japan) signing off early on the weekend (0900*), was able to catch Radio Vanuatu (3945, nothing on 7260) earlier (1317) than weekdays; the one time I tuned in today of course I heard "You are the Only One"; incredible how many times they play that one song. I had always hoped that instead of just leaving the transmitter on with dead air long after 1215, that they would continue with some type of audio and now my wish has been granted. Am very happy! (Ron Howard, ibid.)

3945, 1347-, Radio Vanuatu, Jan 24. Port Vila continues on an extended schedule at fair level. Not the best tropical band morning, though (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3945, R. Vanuatu (presumed), 1404, Jan 25. Continues with their new schedule; playing non-stop EZL pop songs; no announcements of any type (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3945.000, Radio Vanuatu, straight S=9 signal, at 1459-1505 UT, Jan 25. No ID given at full hour though, preserve music program of typical sweet South Sea Music? (Wolfgang B. schel, log January 25, 1440 - 1520 UT, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Probably via Brisbane SDR per adjacent logs (gh)

3945, R. Vanuatu (presumed), Jan 26, now heard daily; another day of "You are the Only One" played at 1413, 1432 and 1516 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN. 3975-AM, Jan 22 at 0655, Vatican Radio good with organ music, no QRham at all, soon into Latin ``oremus``; only // is 6070 which collides with CFRX. Anyhow, this Latin mass semihour is nice for some organ interludes. After timeshift to 0530 in A-15, VR plans to stay on 6070! but switch 3975 to 7250 as usual in the summers.

3975, Jan 27 at 0631, no signal from Vatican Radio for Latin Mass; checked here after 6070 was well atop CFRX. Late coming up on 75m? See also SUDAN [non]

3975, Jan 28 at 0633, VR is on again, with same (very) old Latin rote stuff, clear here while colliding with CFRX on // 6070 (but Vatican usually atop even here: 350 to 1 power ratio helps) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM. 9840, Voice of Vietnam, 1/3, 1140. W presenter, pop vocal music to ToH, OC, change to Japanese programming ("konichiwa"). VG (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R8, Grundig

Satellit 750, outdoor and indoor random wire, Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[non]. Voice of Vietnam, 6175, 1/22/15, very good reception at 0241 UT, heard with news and a commentary on Cuban and US talks, 0250 story on a group of young people who climbed highest peak in Vietnam; s/off at 0258 (Larry Zamora, Garland, TX, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** YEMEN. Radio Sana'a in Arabic again observed on shortwave, Jan 20: till 1500 on 6135 ALH 050 kW / non-dir to N/ME plus North Korean Jamming
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/radio-sanaa-in-arabic-again-on.html>

January 20:
Radio Sana'a in Arabic to ME 1450 on 6135 Al Hiswah
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2Gzae47Gn0&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Sana'a in Arabic to ME 1454 on 6135 Al Hiswah
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SHxgyZc44RQ&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Sana'a in Arabic to ME 1457 on 6135 Al Hiswah
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t4-l8nhrdCc&feature=youtu.be>
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. 5915, NBC Radio 1, 0355-0435. great signal tonight with promos in English and local languages, great selection of local pop music, too. Best signal since last January's log in Florida but this one's from my 24th floor condo in downtown Chicago, 1/20 (Mike Nikolich, N90VQ, Chicago, IL, Eton E-1 and Metz Weatherfax whip antenna, NASWA Flashsheet via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DXLD)

** ZANZIBAR. TANZANIA: 11735, Radio Tanzania-Zanzibar (presumed); 1931-2942+, 22-Jan; Tune into painful sounding Arabic vocal; 1940 new tune, still in pain. SIO=3+53 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 774, Jan 28 at 1334, JBA carrier, presumed NHK from the northwest; no other lowbanders audible, nor 1566 Korea South. Enid sunrise: 1336 UT (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Creole French on 1349.988 kHz [1 Attachment]. Heard this station a few minutes during very good conditions towards southern US/Caribbean the 16th Jan. It sounds to be Creole French. Some US station on the QRG with ethnic programs or could it be the listed Haitian? My location is Sala, in the southern part of Sweden and I used the beverage pointed towards east coast/Caribbean (Bernt-Ivan Holmberg, Sala, Sweden, RealDX Jan 18 via Saul Chernos, IRCA via DXLD)

A Swedish DXer, with conditions good to the Caribbean and southern US, heard Creole French on 1349.988. I listened to the clip and hear mentions of Haiti in the clip, but nothing IDable per se.

He thinks it may be a US station with ethnic programming or the listed Haitian. I kind of doubt the New England Creole pirates, because it seems to me an improbable frequency, but wanted to rule that out for him. I'm also wondering if any DXers on these lists have logged anything on the channel with Creole, either on 1350 or a little bit below or high of the channel. This originates from the RealDX list and he's posted the clip on the web. I've shortened the address to:
<http://tinyurl.com/lhnzto2>

I'm curious. Maybe this is something we should be chasing here (Saul Chernos, Burnt River ON, IRCA via DXLD)

Again, from my archived logs and submissions to the NRC. I'm not aware of them being off-frequency however. 1350, FLORIDA, WCRM, Ft. Myers. 1159 December 14, 2014. Live Haitian Kreyol male chorus, live Kreyol preacher with mentions of Ft. Myers on a local Sunday morning. Good (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, Jan 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1520, Jan 23 at 0426 UT, KOKC is off again, working on transmitter? In the null of KOHM Rochester MN, see USA, I once again have some weak Mexican music, which I would dearly like to ID before KOKC is back in whack. O o, may not be an XE at all; tho neither 1520 Texan is SS, there is one in Louisiana, per NRC AM Log: KFXZ Lafayette, 10000/500 watts U6, ``Juan AM 1520``, SS:AC format from Westwood 1 --- and it's in \$tereo. Night pattern is SSE protecting OKC, but day pattern ND (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1566, Jan 22 at 1335-1340 UT, I am straining to detect a trans-Pacific carrier, and there may be one at imagination level; following neighbor Richard Allen's catch of HLAZ, South Korea, 48 hours earlier; it's the 250 kW FEBC station on Jeju, presumably with a variety of antenna configurations since over the 24 hours it broadcasts in Korean, Chinese, Japanese and Russian.

Trans-Pacific MW carrier search, circa 1339 UT sunrise here Jan 24: full bandscan finally pays off, with JBA carriers looping NW on 1566 at 1333; 774 at 1335; 882 at 1337; 918 at 1337. 1566 would be 250 kW HLAZ in Korea South; 774 of course the most regular, 500 kW JOUB in Akita, Japan; 882 maybe 250 kW at Wonsan, North Korea; 918 has a 200 kW China, 50 kW South Korea, 100 kW Thailand, etc.

Trans-Pacific carrier search Jan 25: spot chex of likelies at 1320 UT find none, but at 1335-1340 or so, definitely from the NW on 1566, i.e. HLAZ, KOREA SOUTH. Nothing on 774 or others on lowband now. Our

LSR today was 1338 UT, gaining 5 minutes earlier per week (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 2660, Jan 25 at 1305 UT, very poor signal with some music audible. Probably the second harmonic of 1330, KGLD Tyler TX, which I managed to ID two years ago after great effort. It's non-directional U1, 1000/500/77 watts, i.e. PSRA of 500 watts starting at 1200 UT, and LSR to 1000 watts in Jan is 1330 UT (Feb: 1300 UT). So our best chance for full power will be Feb 1 before sunrise gets any earlier [not later as I originally misstated!], but the PSRA semi-power span is of course darker --- assuming station is adhering strictly to licensed power & hours.

2660, Jan 27 at 1317 UT, JBA music from likely KGLD Tyler TX second harmonic of 1330; need to chase this earlier from 1200 UT (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4895, Jan 27 at 1325, very poor signal with talk, vs CODAR, likely 50 kW ND AIR Kurseong grayline, rather than 10 kW ND Murun, Mongolia (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4937.2-USB, Jan 28 at 0045, 2-way in Spanish (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6001, It doesn't look like it's Cuba. Not strong enough for one thing. Its making for a big het against 6003 Echo. No audio noted to at least 1157. It doesn't seem to be a spur of 5980 Marti either. Still there at 1128 check but splashed on by Marti, and again at 1157 with 6000 Cuba OC then. (22 Jan) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus SDR, 153 foot vertical, tilted, triangular Delta Loop, and Wellbrook ALA1530S, Cumbredx via gh expanding abbr'd common words for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Note I also heard such a het some 6 hours earlier. But 1157 would be too later for Brasil; 0629 a bit early for Asia (gh, DXLD) Viz.:

6000+, Jan 24 at 0629, RHC 6000.0 has a weak het on the hi side, very roughly 1 kHz. Wonder if the Brasilia tester is back; used to be on the lo side (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

re 6000 kHz, at 0105 UT Jan 25:
5999.995 ERT Emirler Turkish
6000.003 RHC
73 wb (Wolfgang B, schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

OK, but the het I heard was much more than 8 Hz. Valko did too (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7013 - 7178, OTHR at 1518 UT in 41 meter ham radio band, S=8-9 in QSLD (Wolfgang B.schel, log January 25, 1440 - 1520 UT, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. broadcast via BABCOCK is on the air effective Jan 28 0500-0600 9440 ASC 250 kW / 065 deg WeAf Kanuri, AID in IBB Monitoring 1800-1900 12065 ASC 250 kW / 065 deg WeAf Kanuri, AID in IBB Monitoring <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/unidentified-broadcast-via-babcock-is.html> (Ivo Ivanov, dxldyg via DXLD)

It's a new USAID target broadcast to Nigeria, already IDed, discussed in dxldyg, and heard by me; details in next DXLD (gh)

UNIDENTIFIED. 13891.1, Jan 25 at 1419, big open carrier with slight fades indicating it's not local; still at 1436. Could be ute, but no ute noises noted, just AM OC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 13950, Jan 26 at 1508, multi-way contacts, something like Vietnamese, no two on exactly same frequency, some SSB, some distorted as if FM. What net is this? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15070, 0513-, Jan 22. What is the 20 kHz bandwidth blob centered on 15070? Very loud and annoying. Some sort of digital noise??? Picture attached (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii Islands, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15350.5-SSB, Jan 25 at 1421, 2-way intruders, probably Spanish but too weak and intermittent to be sure (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 17665, Jan 25 at 1424, good signal with open carrier/dead air, gone at 1437 recheck. Nothing at all is scheduled anywhere, anywhen on 17665 per B-14 HFCC and Aoki. Nor is there a nearby IBB siteswitch starting at 1430 which might explain a warmup elsewhere (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS  
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ACKNOWLEDGED ON WORLD OF RADIO 1758:  
Happy New Year! Enclosed please find a postal money order. Thank you for your continued work producing DX Listening Digest and World of Radio!

(Robert W. Gruska, Glendale NY, to P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702)

TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED FUTURELY:

Mike Massa: I hope this helps, Glenn! (Sent using the PayPal Mobile application) to woradio at yahoo.com

PUBLICATIONS

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WRTH 2015 \*IS\* AVAILABLE VIA AMAZON

Glenn, I have been having problems with Amazon.com over the listing of WRTH 2015. They are insisting on having a pre-order page showing it as unavailable. I have just posted this on the site:

"WRTH 2015 is now available on Amazon.com, despite the first page listing it as "This title has not yet been released." We have been unable to get Amazon to change this page.

Readers in North America should click on the listing for other new offers - currently showing as 8 New from \$27.28. The copies shipped by us to Amazon are listed under WRTH Publications Limited. These copies will be fulfilled direct from Amazon distribution centers. All the other offers on the page rely on shipping copies from Europe."

It would be great if you could let people know that they can buy it from Amazon. Best wishes (Nicholas Hardyman, WRTH Publisher, Jan 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CRIMEA

2015 US-CANADIAN PATTERN MAPS NOW AVAILABLE

Greetings DXers, and Happy 2015! The 2015 US and Canadian mediumwave broadcast pattern reference is now available for download. You'll find the links on my web blog, RADIO-TIMETRAVELLER:

<http://radio-timetraveller.blogspot.com/>

I've spent much of the last year working on mediumwave pattern mapping. The updated maps presented many challenges.

Note: you must be online to view the maps!

Download the two .zips (one is daytime, one nighttime), unzip them to a folder of your choice, and click on the frequency files. Daytime groundwave and nighttime skywave maps are included.

Maps are GoogleMap-based, HTML-driven maps showing the most current pattern plots of all licensed US and Canadian mediumwave broadcast

stations from 530 to 1700 kHz. The set includes all frequencies for the indicated services: Unlimited, Daytime, Nighttime, and Critical Hours. Individual maps are grouped by channel frequency: 540, 550, 560 kHz, etc.

Data for the pattern plots in this offering is based on the current FCC and Industry Canada databases available at the time of its creation (January 22, 2015). Hope you enjoy! Good DX!  
(Bill, RADIO-TIMETRAVELLER, Jan 24, ABDX via DXLD)

That's amazing. Thank you so much (Justin Nielsen, *ibid.*)

Outstanding!! I'll pay double if you add Mexico ;) (Tim Hall, Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile, *ibid.*)

Now I don't have to rely on radio locator. Amazing site indeed!!  
Sincerely, (Todd Skaine, Woodbury, MN, *ibid.*)

Will it run on a OS X or an iPad? If not I still have a Win7 laptop laying around. [later:] It's .html. It runs on Macs no problem. It is a very nice program (Kevin Redding, Crump TN, *ibid.*)

Hi Kevin, I had heard from someone that the Safari browser ran them okay. Tablets can be iffy sometimes. Android Chrome browser works best. Some won't pinch to zoom (Bill, RADIO-TIMETRAVELLER, *ibid.*)

Outstanding. Thanks for all of the very hard work. I'd given up on getting anything useful from the Industry Canada website.  
Sent from my iPhone (Dennis Gibson, *ibid.*)

The only 3 things I noticed regarding Canada was that CJWI Montreal was missing. They moved from 1610 to 1410 a couple of years ago. There is no night pattern for CHHA Toronto (1610) and I guess CHRF 980 is too new. They've only been in test mode since October. Other than that, this is a lot of fun to use. (Justin Nielsen, *ibid.*)

Hi Justin, Thanks for the tips on the Canadian stations. I'll check them out and see what's up in the IC database (Bill RADIO-TIMETRAVELLER, *ibid.*)

Hi Justin, Had a look at the IC database. I see the problem. As you said, CHRF is too new. It's still listed as Temporary. CJWI and CHHA are shown as Provisional. I didn't catch those unfortunately. Made some code corrections. My next database build should take care of the problems. Some hand work will be required as IC has some duplicate records. Thanks again for the heads up (Bill RADIO-TIMETRAVELLER *ibid.*)

As everyone is saying, Bill, this is excellent work! I'm thoroughly enjoying them and love the skywave maps! Thank you, again (Brian Goodrich, Greensboro, NC, *ibid.*)

Thanks all for your kind comments. Glad the maps are helpful. Found three other missing Canadian stations (a big one - CBR-1010) thanks to another heads up from Dennis Gibson. More weirdness in the Canadian database. Have made the changes for the next run! (Bill, RADIO-TIMETRAVELLER, *ibid.*)

#### NEW LOOK RADIO GUIDES

Try our new look radio guides:

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- \* Hawaii AM/FM/LPFM
- \* New Zealand AM/FM/LPFM
- \* New Zealand Legacy LPFM
- \* Pacific Asia Listener [PAL] AM

Now online at <http://www.radioheritage.net> with free community use. Also read about our Fresh Pacific Faces and new directions for this global radio memories project. Join us on Facebook, now almost 2,500 followers and growing daily.

Warm summer greetings from the team at Radio Heritage Foundation and our best wishes to everyone for 2015. Celebrating 10 years of protecting our radio heritage. Visit us this week to bring the sounds of Hawaii into your life: <http://www.radioheritage.net> (David Ricquish, Jan 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

#### WELCOME TO THE NEW EDXC WEBSITE! by OH6001SWL

Our website <http://edxc.org> and blog <http://edxcnews.wordpress.com> are now united. Both addresses will work also in the future, but they will end up to the same WWW-site. The new website is easier to maintain, so we can update it more quickly on our own. For this reason there is no more need for an IT-specialist as a webmaster. Herewith we want to thank our former webmasters Tapio Kalmi and Pentti Lintu~~j~~<sup>r</sup>vi and Risto Kotalampi who offered website platform for their good continuous work and kind advises! January 25 Posted by: (Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

#### CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES

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#### WINTER SWL FEST

The forums schedule for this 27-28 February event has been updated. Go

to

<http://www.swlfest.com>

and click on "2015 Fest Forums" for details. Information about the entire event, registration forms, hotel information and directions to venue are also available at the web site. Hope to see YOU there!

(Richard Cuff, John Figliozi, Winter SWL Fest Co-Chairs, Jan 26, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I will give you a heads up a few sessions I am presenting in a few weeks at the NASWA conference in Pennsylvania. (Other ARDXC members should consider coming some years; it's an amazing annual event. Of course Rich DiO [sic] will be there).

TIME TRAVEL, TELEPORTATION & SPECTRUM HOARDING FOR THE CONTEMPORARY DXer === Thomas Witherspoon & Mark Fahey

Software-defined radios (SDR) have revolutionised radio monitoring with software overcoming hardware limitations to provide ultra-versatility with custom filters, amplifiers, demodulators, detectors which provide DXers with receiving options which were only theoretically possible a few years ago.

SDRs also provide the capability to digitally record large chunks of radio spectrum, and to play the spectrum back any time on demand. This allows listeners to tune through and listen to stations within the recorded spectrum just as if you were live in the time and place the recording was made.

At past conferences Thomas Witherspoon has explored the art and history of capturing the sounds of the medium and shortwave bands and the desire to establish a permanent home for medium & shortwave audio recordings.

Inspired by Thomas's 2014 presentation Mark Fahey has recently travelled to exotic Pacific and Indian Ocean locations with a number of SDRs to capture the local medium and shortwave spectrum. These whole band recordings of typically one or two hours in duration enable others to experience a listening session in a location that they may never physically travel to.

Thomas and Mark will demonstrate and present the recording techniques used and the plans to record spectrum further afield in the coming year. A library of spectrum files will be available for attendees to copy.

Bring your own NTFS formatted USB hard drive - typically each file is 50GB or greater and you too can listen to bands in China, New Zealand, Tasmania and both very remote and city locations in Australia. SDR

hardware receivers are NOT required to use these files, they will play on a Windows PC with commercial (but free-of-charge) software.

MONITORING DUSTY WAR ZONES AND TROPICAL PARADISES - BEING A BROADCAST ANTHROPOLOGIST === Mark Fahey

Over time I came to realise my interest in radio was not driven by an interest in radio itself (i.e. being a ham and talking on the radio etc. doesn't capture me) but rather distant radio and television was to me was a conduit to information. The information that interests me is relatively inaccessible to the irregular citizen, but actually it is not hard to capture. I am more of a broadcast anthropologist, listening to sounds from distant cultures - and now with any free time I also travel to the source of these sounds.

One example... being an avid listener of The Voice of Mongolia drew me to visit them in Ulan Bator. My passion has taken me to other broadcasters in exotic locations such as Oman, India, Pakistan, Indonesia, China and beyond.

My home is wired to access the world's mass-media, via what ever delivery conduit is needed to capture the content.

Most signals arrive to me via satellite and IP links but shortwave is still a medium I use daily. I'm not talking about "listening" to shortwave with old Frogs, Trio's or Kenwoods, rather I use digital based spectrum capture of HF, filtering and monitoring where to you can simply listen to a station or "record" a massive slice of RF spectrum for playback in a receiver at anytime, anywhere in the future. I also access a network of remote receivers available around the world which I can fully operate from my home (i.e. change frequency, bandwidth, filters, mode). It's via these remote receivers that I daily monitor the North Korean domestic radio services regardless of if the signals propagate to Australia or not.

This presentation includes a tour of my monitoring station, with 100's of thousand digital audio and video channels arriving into my home you can listen to domestic radio or watch the domestic television from most parts of the world. Want to watch breakfast television from Tibet, or maybe the nightly news from Wallis and Futuna - then it's available in perfect studio quality. The presentation also includes visits to remote broadcasters and examples of rare and unedited video sent by journalists that capture the tragedies and joy served up by our planet. Cheers, (Mark (Fahey), Jan 24, ARDXC via DXLD)

WOW!! Two great talks at the NASWA conference! Congrats! They both sound fabulous, and I wish I was there to hear them. I've often thought I'd like to get to the conference one year. However, currently

those days are gone due to health issues. But, you never know.

Best of luck with both talks. Having seen your NK presentations at that conference some months ago (....can't remember the name of it!), I'm sure your material will be stunning! I'm also so pleased that you will be presenting with Thomas W. He's great value!! And a gentleman, to boot! We exchange emails every now and then. Last year, he was instrumental in arranging for me to write my occasional column for The Spectrum Monitor. Please pass on my very best wishes to him. Cheers,  
(Rob Wagner, Vic., ibid.)

#### SW AND DX MEETINGS 2015

Here is a list of some radio (especially shortwave and DX) related meetings of this year. I hope this is of interest. Updates and corrections are very welcome to [risto.vahakainu@helsinki.fi](mailto:risto.vahakainu@helsinki.fi)

Date: February 13

Description: UNESCO World Radio Day

Date: February 21 (1430-1700 BST)

Location: Reading International Solidarity Centre (RISC), 35-39 London Street, Reading RG1 4PS, England

Organization: Reading International Radio Group

Expected attendance: 20

More info: <http://www.bdx.org.uk> , [barracrough.mike at gmail.com](mailto:barracrough.mike@gmail.com)

Note: Reading DX meetings are held with about 2 months interval (next one on April 25th)

Dates: February 27-28

Location: Plymouth Meeting (near Philadelphia), PA, USA

Description: Winter SWL Fest

More info: <http://www.swlfest.com>

Expected attendance: 150

Dates: March 15-17

Location: Milan, Italy

Description: Radiodays Europe 2015 -conference

More info: <http://www.radiodayseurope.com>

Dates: May 8-10

Location: Tarp, Germany (near Flensburg)

Description: Annual General meeting of DSWCI

Organization: Danish Short Wave Club International (DSWCI)

More info: <http://www.dswci.org>

Dates: May 15-17

Location: Dayton, Ohio, USA

Organization: Dayton Hamvention  
Expected attendance: 20000  
More info: <http://www.hamvention.org>

Dates: May 21-22  
Location: Washington DC, USA  
Description: Annual NASB Conference  
Organization: National Association of Shortwave Broadcasters  
More info: <http://www.shortwave.org>

Dates: May 29-31  
Location: Falkenberg, Sweden (south of Gothenburg)  
Description: DX-Parlamentet 2015, the annual meeting of the SDXF  
Organization: The Swedish DX-Federation (SDXF)  
More info: <http://www.sdx.se>

Dates: June 26-28  
Location: Friedrichshafen, Germany  
Description: Ham Radio, biggest annual hamfest in Europe  
Expected attendance: 20000  
More info: <http://www.hamradio-friedrichshafen.de>

Dates: July 4-18  
Location: D^briach, Austria  
Description: DX-Camp of ADXB-OE  
More info: <http://www.dxcamp.org>

Date: July 11  
Location: Win Hill on the Wiltshire/Dorset border, UK  
Description: British DX Club DX gathering  
More info: <http://www.bdx.org.uk>

Dates: August 5-7  
Location: Tuusula (Capital area), Finland  
Description: The Annual Summer Meeting  
Organization: The Finnish DX Association  
Expected attendance: 70  
More info: rv at [sdx1.org](http://sdx1.org)

Dates: August 22-23  
Location: Tokyo, Japan  
Description: Big ham fair with a SW sector (Japan SW Club stand & lectures)  
Organization: Tokyo Ham Fair  
Expected attendance: 30000  
More info: ohtaket at [live.jp](http://live.jp)

Dates: September 4-9

Location: Berlin, Germany  
Name: IFA Internationale Funkausstellung  
Description: Consumer Electronics Fair - Including Radios  
More info: <http://www.b2b.ifa-berlin.com>

Dates: September 10-15  
Location: Amsterdam, Holland  
Description: IBC 2015, conference and exhibition  
More info: <http://www.ibc.org>

Dates: September 18-22  
Location: St. Petersburg, Russia  
Description: European DX Conference, the annual meeting of EDXC  
Organization: European DX Council (EDXC) & St. Petersburg DX Club  
Expected attendance: 50-70  
More info: <http://www.edxc.org>

Dates: not announced  
Location: Rajkot, India  
Description: Ham Fest India 2015  
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Jan 28, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

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#### CHILE DEFINE SU HORARIO PERMANENTE

El ministro de Energía, Mximo Pacheco, anunci que, tras analizar varios estudios, el Gobierno determin que el horario de verano se mantendr indefinidamente.

"Ha llegado el momento de tomar decisiones, y el Gobierno ha decidido mantener de forma indefinida un horario nico en Chile continental e insular (...) la noticia es que se suspende el cambio de horario", explic. Seg'n sostuvo el secretario de Estado, "esta medida va a ayudar a mejorar la calidad de vida de los chilenos y chilenas". Esta decisi n, manifest Pacheco, busca potenciar la eficacia energtica y promover su buen uso. Fuente: 24horas.cl

Cabe destacar que ahora la zona horaria permanente de nuestro pas ser GMT-3 (ce3BBC, Hugo Lpez C., Santiago de Chile, Jan 28, noticiasdx yg via DXLD)

This is crazy: narrow Chile longitudes cover roughly 68 to 75 degrees west = like New England, which puts it within what ought to be the UT -5 zone! (67.5 to 82.5 W) So ``normal`` time of UT -4 is already advanced and UT -3 amounts to double-daylight shifting time yearound (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

THE WORLD RADIO DAY 2015 IS COMING! by OH6001SWL  
January 25, 2015 EDXC News

13 February is World Radio Day ó a day to celebrate radio as a medium; to improve international cooperation between broadcasters; and to encourage major networks and community radio alike to promote access to information, and free, independent and pluralistic media.

UNESCO and all the stakeholders: public services, mainstream and community media are preparing to celebrate the fourth edition of World Radio Day, to be held on February 13, 2015. The theme for this fourth edition is iYouth and Radioî. It represents an important opportunity to evaluate the contribution of young people in the radio sector with the goal of increasing their participation along three levels:

1. Youth-targeted programming
2. Programmes including young people at the production level
3. Finally and most importantly, programming devised and produced by young people

The organisers have proposed some subthemes that are designed to offer a wide array of opportunities for discussion and to lend themselves to interesting and informative programming:

1. The elimination of stereotypes and prejudice in the portrayal of young people in the media.
2. Improving the security of young journalists, especially freelancers and fixers in conflict and disaster zones.
3. The impact of young people on community radio (education, acculturation, coverage of conflicts not being covered by the wider media, emergency and humanitarian crises, etc).
4. The link between the accessibility of information through radio amongst young people and the sustainable development of communities.

You can also consult a list of fifteen ideas for celebrating World Radio Day 2015 to act as a starting point and give you some inspiration about the different ways you can be a part of the celebration. Source:

<http://www.amarc.org/?q=node/2030>

Posted by: (Mike Terry, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PCJ RADIO - WORLD RADIO DAY

PCJ Radio International Facebook group January 22, 2015

On the January 31st edition of Media Network Plus our guest is Mirta Louren o from UNESCO. She will be talking about the history of World Radio Day and what is planned for 2015 (via DXLD)

#### DX-PEDITIONS

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#### DXPEDITION MASSET, BC, 17 TO 25 JANUARY 2015

I just spent 10 days at my DX cottage in Masset, Haida Gwaii (formerly the Queen Charlotte Islands) off the north coast of British Columbia. As always, I had a great deal of time to devote to radio listening. My setup included using a Perseus SDR, as well as an AOR 7030+ receiver (which often performed better than the Perseus), and a NRD 535D (rarely used). For antennae, I mainly used a 750  BOG aimed to the NW (unterminated) to cover the east coast of Asia, an ALA 100 LN aimed NE/SW, and a 450  Beverage aimed due north terminated into the ocean.

The main advantage of Masset is the extremely quiet RF environment, allowing reception of stations rarely or never heard elsewhere. Conditions, for the most part were mediocre, except for a couple of days of exceptionally good reception on January 21 and 22, 2015. Here are my SW/ MW/LW loggings. Please excuse any errors, as the typing was done in the wee hours of the morning, while actively DXing. Comments are always welcome, and especially corrections! 73, (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Almost all of Walt's logs have been integrated into this week's DXLD

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See CYPRUS [non]; INDIA; ROMANIA; UK

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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DAB See NORWAY

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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC See U S A: WRCR

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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV [and non] See also CANADA

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#### THREAD: ANALOGS STILL ON IN 2015

This is the year our remaining -LDs and -CAs are due to go digital or go dark, and since I'm putting more miles on my car this year I wanted

to see which ones stayed on this air this long (six years since the full-powers went digital... yikes!). The news in Florida is not good:

No analogs were found in Orlando or Jacksonville  
Ditto for Tallahassee and Gainesville, when I visited a few months ago.  
Now WXAX-CA 26 in Tampa is gone. I last saw it May 17, and it was the last station there.

The only analogs I can still confirm:

W05CO in Sarasota, seen Jan 10.  
WWHB-CA 48 in West Palm Beach, seen Dec 24.  
WEYS-LP 06 in Miami. Chris Dunne can correct me if I'm wrong.

So what analogs are we still seeing on the air in the US? Locals, DX, or travel... Post 'em here!

(Ryan Grabow, Fort Myers FL, Jan 22,  
:: [egrabow.com/dx](http://egrabow.com/dx)  
:: [facebook.com/egrabow440](https://facebook.com/egrabow440)  
:: [youtube.com/user/egrabow440](https://youtube.com/user/egrabow440)

WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

KDPH-48 Phoenix is the last analog station in town. I can't capture their RF 46 digital signal with a paper clip antenna (yep, I'm dabbling in paper clip antennas now ó it's an interesting experience), and it's a rather snowy picture even within 10 miles of South Mountain.

I now know what a 52.6 kW (allegedly) UHF TV station looks like ó and it's not a great picture. Makes me appreciate the UHF powers Mexican stations have (Raymie Humbert, AZ, Jan 22, *ibid.*)

I can indeed confirm WEYS 6 (advertised on bumper stickers as 87.7, natch), still on.

So Ryan, did ch 43 WPB go off? If so, I am sure it's just a matter of time before 48 goes off. Hope so, as I have yet to see WOPX 48 (ION) Melbourne, despite a DXer in MA seeing it! Funny hobby this.

Oh AND --- I think that Doug w9wi mentioned in a thread a few months ago, that 2015 might NOT be the end-all for analog TV. Can't find the thread right away, but an interesting read. cd (Chris Dunne, Pembroke Pines FL, Jan 22, *ibid.*)

When I checked on Oct 27, 2012 (I rummaged through my records), 43 and 48 were on in West Palm. I've never DXed 43 and didn't see a trace of it from the Turnpike's rest area three months ago (48 was extremely

weak). I'll be swinging by to do a proper check sometime in the next two months.

Quote Originally Posted by cd637299 View Post:

2015 might NOT be the end-all for analog TV.

In many markets the end has already come. Most of these shutoffs didn't even get digital replacements, so the owners just saw their viewers dry up and don't even care about the sunset. Why they're still sitting on the licenses, though, can't say (Ryan Grabow, *ibid.*)

Yep. The FCC has suspended the LPTV analog shutdown. They haven't set a new date yet. It has to do with spectrum repacking. Of course, LPTV stations converting from analog to digital must buy a new transmitter. LPTV operators are afraid they'd then have to buy *another* new transmitter next year after getting repacked to a new channel.

Let's see - yep, they're still there. Two analog signals in Nashville. WNPX-LP channel 20, simulcasting WNPX-TV 28.1 with Ion. WJNK-LP channel 34 with 3Abn. Channel 20 has a CP to flash-cut to digital; channel 34's digitalization will also move it to 28 (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, <http://www.w9wi.com> *ibid.*)

KDPH is a strange thing. It really should be off (it is duplicated in digital) and it probably has zero viewers. I remember about 2006 when it went off the air in a thunderstorm and viewers saw a DirecTV slide. That was fun. It was also days after Daystar and Telemundo made the complicated Phoenix license swap that mostly benefited the latter (Telemundo moved to a full-power station in Phoenix, where it had been on an LPTV and where no full-power Spanish station had existed besides KTVW). (Raymie Humbert, AZ, Jan 23, *ibid.*)

WGWG is still there and I heard they have traffic for video and I don't know what they have for audio since they dropped shorts [?]  
(Janesville WI DXer, Kaito KA1103 & Insignia HD portable, *ibid.*)

The only local analogs left are WQWQ-LP 9 Paducah, KY and WQTV-LP 24 Murray, KY. They've filed with the FCC to go digital but it hasn't happened yet. They both run the CW network. cd, WOPX is in the log. :-  
) 73, Ed NN2E, Otis KY, Owner / Operator - Murphy's Law Test Site & Thunderstorm Proving Grounds, *ibid.*)

It's legal for KDPH to be on analog & digital at the same time, because there are two of them. Seriously, their digital station is a "digital companion channel". They can legally operate both analog 48 and digital 46 at the same time, until the LPTV digital shutdown at which point they have to either turn off analog 48, or shut down

digital 46 & convert analog 48 to digital.

The Daystar station in Nashville hasn't broadcast Daystar programming in \*years\*. They've been off for at least a year (or on VERY VERY reduced power). Before that, it was a few years of color bars. And before that, the DirecTV slide (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, Jan 23, ibid.)

Good to see there are still a few analogs around. Even airing The CW? Now that's a surprise. I'll continue looking for them as I travel.

Quote Originally Posted by w9wi View Post ``Before that, it was a few years of color bars. And before that, the DirecTV slide.``

Reminds me of how W22CL went off back in 2007: several months of a satellite box's error message. Just last year it returned to the air as a digital station with new calls (Ryan Grabow, FL, ibid.)

POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS

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Re: SEVERE RFI

Hi Levi, Sorry to hear about your interference problem. The source is definitely from a home powerline networking kit. I have been suffering similar interference from six different sources near my house since 2010. I have managed to get some of them removed over the years, but then others appear! Of course the amateurs are lucky because their frequencies are "notched out". This does not help us who like to DX the other short wave frequencies for broadcast and utility stations. As well as this "PLT" interference, I also get noise from my neighbours' switch mode power supplies, low voltage lighting and so on.

There are several things you can do:

1. Approach your neighbours and politely explain the problem you are having. (Not easy -you do not know how they may react). You can use your portable radio to demonstrate to them. If you find the culprit and they do not co-operate, you can offer to pay for installation of any alternative kit, such as Cat5e cable or Wi-fi if this is available.
2. If you have no success with this, you can contact the Norwegian Telecommunications Administration to see if they can help you.
3. You can use the MFJ-1026 noise canceller. My set up here includes a Wellbrook ALA1530 magnetic loop antenna. This helps a lot with the

other sources, but does not completely remove the powerline adapter interference.

I am also using the Wimo noise canceller, which is more compact, is well-made and works very well with the Wellbrook and my other antenna, a trap dipole.

Because you are using a Beverage antenna, I am guessing that you have a large piece of land behind your house. In that case I suggest you install a dipole antenna on top of a pole as far away from your house and neighbouring houses as is possible. The "inverted V" type, with the arms pointed away from nearby houses is strongly recommended. Use coaxial lead to the receiver. I also have a "preselector" (antenna tuning unit) which is connected to the Wimo canceller and then to the receiver (Yaesu FRG7700).

The problem is the Wimo can sometimes only remove one interference source at a time. It also needs a second "auxiliary" antenna. (I use 15 metres of wire indoors). This second antenna has to "hear" the interference as well as the main antenna, so it can be cancelled out.

Also, scanning the frequencies is not easy, as the Wimo constantly needs adjusting as you change frequencies because the interference comes back. But without this noise canceller, I would definitely have given up my short wave hobby (after 46 years).

I am hoping that new rules from the regulator Ofcom, will enable UK listeners to enlist their help to remove these terrible devices when interference is experienced.

(The EU should never have allowed this networking kit to be placed on the market - it breaks all the existing rules on "EMC" compliance for household electrical appliances).

That's all I can suggest - of course as a last resort you could move to a remote location instead! 73 (Alan Holder (also radio amateur G4ZBH), Isle of Wight, UK, Jan 20 but not delivered until Jan 25 by HCDX via DXLD)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM  
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#### WEB RADIOS

This may be old news to some, but I recently came across a list of web radios around the world. the list is at  
<http://websdr.org/>

The top #1 listing is a receiver at the University of Twente, Enschede, Netherlands, near the German border.  
<http://websdr.ewi.utwente.nl:8901/>

This receiver covers DC to 30 MHz and accommodates hundreds of users simultaneously. If you wonder if a European LW station is on the air, this is a good place to check. The rest on the list seem to concentrate on the ham bands with extended range.

Anyway, #24 on the list, Great Lakes Listening Post. Michigan USA - RTLSDR 80M 40M 20M

<http://blerp2.dyndns.org:8901/>

When bringing up this page, at the top reads "This WebSDR receiver, located in Michigan USA. It is operated by a league of short wave enthusiasts". OK, so anybody know where in Michigan? And who are these people?

Unfortunately, there is no MW coverage at this site; otherwise the location could be narrowed down by what stations are heard during the day (Jack Amelar, MARE Tipsheet Jan 23 via DXLD)

Traceroute goes from my place to Comcast's Pontiac coverage area, then to Chicago where the tracert ends at 350 E. Cermak Ave, Chicago, Illinois (Bill Carney, ibid.)

#### A MAGICIAN USED THE FIRST PIRATE RADIO STATION TO TROLL A SCIENTIST

Everyone knows Marconi was one of the world's most disagreeable scientists. What they don't know is he was surrounded by people nearly as disagreeable as himself. And that a famous demonstration of his "wireless" was taken over by a magician-turned-skeptic-turned-pirate.

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<http://io9.com/a-magician-used-the-first-pirate-radio-station-to-troll-1681527405>  
(via Mike Barraclough, dxldyg via DXLD)

#### HISTORY OF TAPE CARTRIDGE MACHINES

For those of us who worked at radio stations, here is a wonderful site I stumbled across concerning tape cartridge machines. I, for one, rue the day that carts went away. I've been told that when we get our WBSC-LP up and running with computers that I will not want to go back to the days of the cart machines. Right now, I find that difficult to believe. I haven't done radio since 1985, so I think I'm about to get an education in today's operation of stations.

<http://www.americanradiohistory.com/Archive-Catalogs/Miscellaneous-Manufacturers/SBE-1959-History-of-Cart-Machine.pdf>  
(Bob Smoak, Bamberg, SC, ABDX via DXLD)

## HAMMING AT THE NATIONAL RADIO QUIET ZONE, WEST VIRGINIA

Following up on last week's link to an article about the National Radio Quiet Zone and the people who flock there, N7SO sent another article:

[http://www.slate.com/articles/technology/future\\_tense/2013/04/green\\_bank\\_w\\_v\\_where\\_the\\_electrosensitive\\_can\\_escape\\_the\\_modern\\_world.single.html](http://www.slate.com/articles/technology/future_tense/2013/04/green_bank_w_v_where_the_electrosensitive_can_escape_the_modern_world.single.html)

We also heard from a ham who used to work there, Rob Welsh, N3RW, who wrote:

"I was previously employed at NRAO Green Bank (see <http://www.nrao.edu/> on a Milky Way mapping project. Given that NRAO GB is in the National Radio Quiet Zone, I was given permission to put my QRP rig on the air on 17 meters using the HF Bruce array at the observatory entrance. Few stations I worked believed that I was running just 5 W. With about 100 feet of RG-58 between the dorm and the antenna, I bet I was radiating more like 3 W at best."

Info on a Bruce Arrays:  
[http://rudys.typepad.com/ant/files/antenna\\_array\\_80160m.pdf](http://rudys.typepad.com/ant/files/antenna_array_80160m.pdf)

Rob also wrote in a subsequent email:

"The Bruce Array at the entrance to the Green Bank site is a rebuild of the antenna used by physicist Karl Jansky who in the 1930s studied radio noise for the Bell System's HF radio circuits.

"Jansky eliminated all noise sources except one which occurred 4 minutes earlier each day. In conversations with others, he was told that the stars rise 4 minutes earlier than solar time.

"Jansky may have been the first to discover galactic radio noise as he was recording the radio noise emitted by the Milky Way.

"One of my tasks while employed at GB was to perform a VSWR vs. frequency plot of the Bruce Array. The center frequency, as I remember, was about 20 MHz, so with a QRP antenna tuner I was able to find a match for the 17 meter band.

"Radio astronomers consider the HF bands as 'low frequency' for astronomical observations. There has been an increase in HF observations at HF with the purpose of identifying galactic sources at lower energy levels.

"Also at the entrance to the site is a rebuild of Grote Reber's

(W9GFZ, SK) 30 foot parabolic antenna. Reber read Jansky's published work and went about measuring galactic radio noise at VHF.

"See my article in the December 2009 issue of QST titled 'How the Ionosphere Was Discovered.'

"The callsign, W9GFZ, has been issued to NRAO and used at both the Green Bank site and at the Very Large Array in New Mexico. I've observed at both sites.

"You may see the antenna systems at GB by using: [www.gb.nrao.edu](http://www.gb.nrao.edu) and on the left side of the main page, surf to 'telescopes.' My QSL card has the 45 foot antenna on the front. That is the system I used to map a quadrant of our galaxy at wavelengths of 3.5 and 2.1 cm. Big antennas sure are interesting!"

(QST de W1AW, Propagation Forecast Bulletin 4 ARLP004, From Tad Cook, K7RA, Seattle, WA January 23, 2015, To all radio amateurs, via DXLD)

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TRANS-EQUATORIAL FM DX: See BARBADOS [and non]; MONTSERRAT

SOLAR CYCLE 24

Randy Crews, W7TJ of Spokane, Washington posted these observations:

"Thanks for the link and update from NASA in your last bulletin. A couple things I wanted to add to amplify on the trend and outline a unique historical perspective.

"Cycle 24's peak is past and will fall into the ranks of the lower Sunspot Cycles 10, 12, 13, 14, and 16. NASA's article pointed out Cycle 24 being the smallest since Cycle 14 in 1906. It will probably mirror Cycle 12 or 13 finishing with a smoothed sunspot number in the high 70s low 80s plus or minus. A few additional points make this cycle unique in addition to the second peak being higher than the first: In past strong sunspot cycles (21, 22, and 23) we have had what I would call the 'top 3' being 3 outstanding years of high solar activity (the year prior to the peak, the year of the peak, and the year after where Solar flux values have averaged between 150 and 225).

"Tying this observation to Cycle 23 (a lower but normal cycle in 2000, 2001, and 2002) during these peak years propagation on 10, 12, and 15 meters was outstanding almost ALL the time. Cycle 24 has bestowed just a little over one year of this type of propagation -

late 2013 to present. Graphically seen from the Solar activity report from this Web link:

[http://www.solen.info/solar/images/comparison\\_recent\\_cycles.png](http://www.solen.info/solar/images/comparison_recent_cycles.png)

"Things become more interesting with the fact Cycle 24 will obviously finish with a smoothed sunspot number of less than 100.

"This is the first time this has occurred since Cycle 16 finished in 1933 (over 80 years ago!).

"Link with the corresponding data:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_solar\\_cycles.png](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_solar_cycles.png)

"Graphically, Cycle 24 will fit into the BIG picture as follows, accurately done by K9LA:

[http://k9la.us/A\\_Look\\_at\\_All\\_Twenty\\_Three\\_Solar\\_Cycles.pdf](http://k9la.us/A_Look_at_All_Twenty_Three_Solar_Cycles.pdf)

"Connecting the dots from the graphs, historically there have been decades of high and low solar activity spanning several sunspot cycles. As one source has pointed out, got most of our radio amateur lifetimes we have experienced some of the highest solar activity periods in history, 1950 to 2009. The Graph from NASA of the current trend pretty well sums up the overall direction:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solar\\_cycle\\_24#mediaviewer/File:Hathaway\\_Cycle\\_24\\_Prediction.png](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solar_cycle_24#mediaviewer/File:Hathaway_Cycle_24_Prediction.png)

"Summarizing:

"Cycle 24 will be a low cycle very likely to be followed by several other low or even lower cycles - supported by the current and historical data. Make the most of the current band conditions and upcoming DXpeditions - it certainly looks as if we are heading toward a 'Propagation Winter.'"

Thanks, Randy.

I do not know if we are headed toward a "propagation winter" and quiet Sun or not, although plenty of experts much smarter than me might think so. I like to remember when some of the best minds made a case for the upcoming Cycle 24 to be the biggest ever, and of course it did not turn out that way.

I hope to be around for the next cycle, might even see the one after that, but I doubt I will see three cycles out. When I started as a

Novice it was Cycle 20, right after the big one, and it sure seemed weak! (QST de W1AW, Propagation Forecast Bulletin 4 ARLP004, From Tad Cook, K7RA, Seattle, WA January 23, 2015, To all radio amateurs via DXLD)

:Product: Weekly Highlights and Forecasts  
:Issued: 2015 Jan 26 0809 UTC  
# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center  
# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web  
# <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/weekly.html>  
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# Weekly Highlights and Forecasts  
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Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity  
19 - 25 January 2015

Solar activity briefly reached moderate levels (R1, minor, on the NOAA Scales) when Region 2268 (S10, L=048, class/area=Ekc/BG on 24 January) produced an M1 flare on 22 January at 0452 UTC as it rotated onto the visible disk. The remainder of the week was dominated by low levels of solar activity, with Region 2268 responsible for about two thirds of the C-class events and the rest distributed among five other regions. No Earth-directed coronal mass ejections were noted.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit was at normal to moderate levels. Moderate levels were reached on 21 January and from 23-25 January.

The geomagnetic field activity ranged from quiet to active levels during the week. Active levels were observed on 21-22 January in response to a southern hemisphere, negative polarity, coronal hole high speed solar wind stream. Observations at the ACE spacecraft indicated a sector boundary change from positive to negative orientation beginning around 1730 UTC on 20 January. This was followed by a corotating interaction region signature including a jump in density and a significant increase in the Bt component from 5 nT to a peak near 20 nT. Bz was initially mostly positive, but reached a minimum of -15 nT by 1550 UTC on 21 January. Wind speed at ace was initially near 300 km/s early on 21 January and increased over the next 12 hours to over 500 km/s. The enhanced magnetic field gradually relaxed, returning to a Bt near 5 nT by midday on 22 Jan. Then, solar wind speed gradually decreased, ending the week near 300 km/s. The geomagnetic field remained unsettled through the first three synoptic periods of 23 January before returning to mostly

quiet levels where it remained for the rest of the week.

#### FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 26 JANUARY-21 FEBRUARY 2015

Solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels through 09 February with the return of Regions 2255 and 2257 on 27 January. Low levels of activity are anticipated from 10-17 February before increasing to low to moderate levels with the return of Region 2268 on 18 February.

There is a slight chance the greater than 10 MeV proton flux at geosynchronous orbit will exceed the 10 pfu threshold through 09 February and after 18 February.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to reach moderate to high levels on 31 January-03 February, and again on 08-10 February due to recurrent coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS) influence.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to begin at quiet to unsettled levels. Active periods, with a slight chance for minor storm levels, particularly at high latitudes are expected on 29 January-02 February, 06-09 February, and again from 15-21 February in response to recurrent coronal hole high speed solar wind streams.

:Product: 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table 27D0.txt

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# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center

# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web

# <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html>

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# 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

# Issued 2015-01-26

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| # UTC       | Radio Flux | Planetary | Largest  |
|-------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| # Date      | 10.7 cm    | A Index   | Kp Index |
| 2015 Jan 26 | 130        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 Jan 27 | 140        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 Jan 28 | 145        | 8         | 3        |
| 2015 Jan 29 | 150        | 15        | 4        |
| 2015 Jan 30 | 150        | 15        | 4        |
| 2015 Jan 31 | 150        | 15        | 4        |
| 2015 Feb 01 | 150        | 15        | 4        |
| 2015 Feb 02 | 140        | 12        | 4        |
| 2015 Feb 03 | 135        | 8         | 3        |
| 2015 Feb 04 | 125        | 8         | 3        |
| 2015 Feb 05 | 125        | 5         | 2        |

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| 2015 Feb 06 | 125 | 10 | 4 |
| 2015 Feb 07 | 130 | 10 | 4 |
| 2015 Feb 08 | 130 | 8  | 3 |
| 2015 Feb 09 | 130 | 8  | 3 |
| 2015 Feb 10 | 125 | 5  | 2 |
| 2015 Feb 11 | 125 | 5  | 2 |
| 2015 Feb 12 | 120 | 5  | 2 |
| 2015 Feb 13 | 120 | 5  | 2 |
| 2015 Feb 14 | 125 | 5  | 2 |
| 2015 Feb 15 | 125 | 12 | 4 |
| 2015 Feb 16 | 125 | 10 | 4 |
| 2015 Feb 17 | 120 | 10 | 4 |
| 2015 Feb 18 | 115 | 10 | 4 |
| 2015 Feb 19 | 120 | 8  | 3 |
| 2015 Feb 20 | 125 | 5  | 2 |
| 2015 Feb 21 | 125 | 5  | 2 |

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1758, DXLD)

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (January 26th-February 1st)....

Jan/26th HN Jan/29th HN Jan/31st LN

Jan/27th AN Jan/30th HN Feb/01st AN

Jan/28th AN

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

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NORMALITY GEOMAG K Values Alpha

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AN - Above Normal Quiet K=0-1 0-7

HN - High Normal Unsettled K=2 8-15

LN - Low Normal Active K=3 16-29

BN - Below Normal Minor Storm K=4 30-49

DIS - Disturbed Major Storm K=5 50-99

VRY DIS - Very Disturbed Severe Storm K=6-9 100-400

(Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin No. 1199, January 26, 2015, Editor Tedd  
Mirgliotta, KB8NW, Provided by BARF80.ORG (Cleveland, Ohio) via Dave  
Raycroft, ODXA yg via DXLD)

PROPAGATION OUTLOOK FROM GLENN FOR MEDIA NETWORK PLUS AS OF JANUARY 29

IPS Australia's magnetic forecast is for quiet to unsettled conditions  
thru January 31, A index of 8. Global HF Propagation, normal.

Space Weather South Africa predicts thru January 31, magnetic  
conditions unsettled to active; shortwave fadeouts unlikely; MUF  
unstable.

MET office UK forecast thru February 1: solar activity low to

moderate, R1 radio blackouts likely. Chance of active or minor G1 storms on January 30 and 31.

OPDX predicts: high normal propagation January 30, low normal January 31, above normal February 1.

The outlook from Prague: Geomagnetic field will be:  
active to disturbed on January 30, and February 5  
mostly quiet on January 31, February 9 - 13,  
disturbed on February 1 - 2  
quiet to unsettled on February 3,  
quiet to active on February 4, 6 - 8

The outlook from SWPC in Boulder: Geomagnetic field active, with a slight chance for minor storm levels, particularly at high latitudes thru Feb 2, also 6 to 9 and 15-21. A and K indices peaking at 15 and 4 thru the first; 12 and 4 on Feb 2 and 15. Solar flux peaking at 1 5 0 thru Feb 1, dropping to 1 1 5 on February 18.

Bill Hepburn's VHF UHF DX maps show intense tropospheric ducting the morning of February 1 off the central coast of Chile (via DXLD) ###